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# GERMAN AIR RAIDS DOUBLED IN FURY

## And Royal Air Force Takes Them As They Come Shattering Losses Inflicted: 144 At Least Shot Down

FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY'S COMPARATIVE RESPITE, GERMAN RAIDERS YESTERDAY CARRIED OUT ATTACKS ON ENGLAND IN MASS OVER A WIDER AREA AND IN GREATER NUMBERS THAN EVER BEFORE. FURIOUS AIR BATTLES RAGED CONTINUOUSLY, AND GERMAN PLANES WENT DOWN AT THE RATE OF AT LEAST ONE EVERY SIX MINUTES DURING THE DAY.

IT WAS ESTIMATED by the Air Ministry, in a communique issued early this morning that the German Air Force used more than a thousand planes in their attacks on England yesterday, sometimes in formations of 200 planes at a time!

## THAT'S DUNKIRK -- THAT WAS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The beautiful Eure Department in Normandy, famous for its green landscapes, small towns and ancient cathedrals, suffered badly from the hostilities, according to arrivals in Clermont-Ferrand yesterday.

Towns like Pont de Larche, Les Andelys, Gisors, Vernon and Louviers were considerably damaged. The bell tower of the famous Cathedral at Evreux was badly damaged.

"Le Journal" yesterday published a description of Dunkirk which bore the brunt of German attacks during the war.

The town itself is almost completely razed while only a few charred ruins in the northern section of the city bear witness to the destruction of this formerly prosperous port. — Havas.

## U.S. MARINES TAKING OVER HONGKEW

THE U.S. MARINES ARE TAKING OVER THE HONGKEW SECTION OF THE BRITISH DEFENCE SECTOR IN SHANGHAI, AND NOT THE JAPANESE, AS REPORTED EARLIER.

The fact that the Italian delegate abstained from voting at the meeting of defence commanders is widely thought to indicate a surprise rift between the Axis

The intensification of the German blitzkrieg tactics, however, cost them dearly. The effective damage was small and they lost no fewer than 144 planes between early morning and midnight.

A dozen or so were shot down by anti-aircraft guns, but Britain's intrepid Spitfire and Hurricane pilots account for about 130. Later check-up on the figures may reveal even greater losses. These were the minimum, credited on reports received up to midnight.

Britain's losses were 27 planes, but eight of their pilots are reported to be safe.

For the first time since the outbreak of war, England's most famous airport, Croydon, was attacked by German aircraft last evening. Some damage was done but the details are not yet available.

## SWISS TO FIRE ON FOREIGN PLANES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Swiss military command has ordered all anti-aircraft batteries to open fire instantly on any foreign planes crossing Swiss territory, says a message from Geneva.

British planes are reported to have flown over Switzerland on their Tuesday raids on Italian aircraft works at Milan and Turin.

The Italian Government protested to Switzerland, demanding that the Swiss open fire on any foreign planes flying over their territory. — Havas.

friends in Shanghai, as an Italian vote favouring the Japanese could have forced a deadlock. — Reuter.

The German raiders appeared over the South-East coast in large numbers, flying in mass formation and passing over the coast at a great height.

Scores of bombs could be seen and heard bursting on the ground below them.

R.A.F. fighters quickly broke up the enemy formation and chased the raiders out over the sea.

### South-East Gets It

A barrage balloon was brought down in flames and three Spitfires engaged two bombers which had become separated from the formation and one of them was seen to crash into the sea.

Further enemy attacks took place in several areas of the South-East during the evening, states an Air Ministry communique, but in all cases the raiders were swiftly challenged, and driven off, with losses.

### Croydon Raid

The raid on Croydon aerodrome, the first raid in this (Continued on Page 10)

WEATHER FORECAST:—East and south-east winds, fresh to moderate; fair to showery.

## YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN

Wing-Commander Basil Edward Embry, the first R.A.F. officer to win two bars to his Distinguished Service Order, who was reported a prisoner of war last month, arrived in England yesterday having escaped from a German prison camp.—Reuter.

## FINANCE BILL APPROVED

THE FINANCE BILL WAS READ A THIRD TIME IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY AND SENT TO THE LORDS.

Replying to the debate, Sir Kingsley Wood said further taxation was obviously inevitable but the time of its imposition must depend on the response to appeals for subscription to Government loans. He added it was hoped to bring the Purchase Tax into operation at the beginning of October.—Reuter.

## SERIOUS RIOTING IN TOULON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Organised rioting has occurred in several French cities, notably Toulon, reports a "Daily Mail" correspondent on the Franco-Spanish frontier.

The riots are alleged to be caused by demobilised French troops and unemployed marching to prefecture offices shouting "Work for all! Throw the Germans out!"

In Toulon, eighteen are reported to have been killed in street fighting.

The "Daily Mail" correspondent says that the view is expressed in some quarters that the rioting is inspired by the Germans. — Havas.

## "CLARE" MAKES NEW ATLANTIC HOP

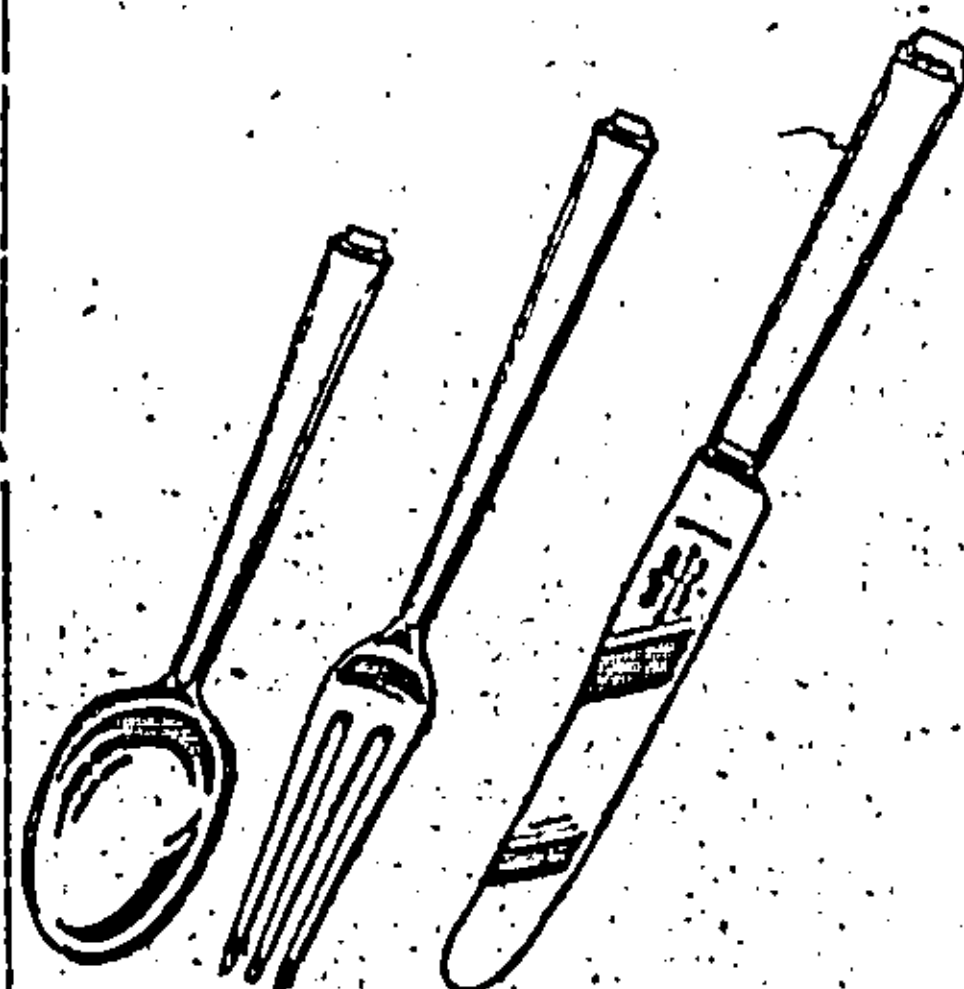
The British Overseas Airways flyingboat "Clare" arrived at Boucherville, Quebec, yesterday afternoon, thus completing her second east to west Atlantic crossing in the space of 12 days. Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, was on board. — Reuter.

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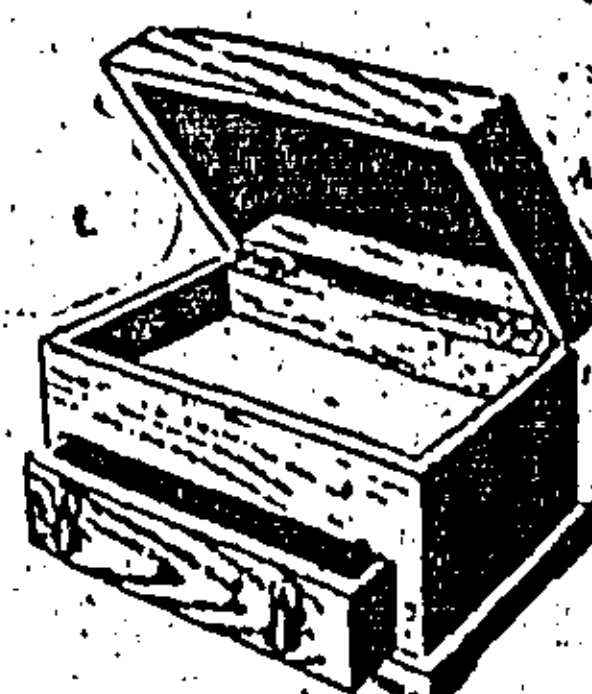
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# **TYNESIDE BOMBED** Casualties In Residential Area In Sunderland

## **M.T.B. FORCED TO ABANDON RESCUE**

How German pleases in their conduct of war cost the life of one of their own pilots is described in an official Admiralty communique.

"When," says the message, "a British motor torpedo-boat went to the rescue of a German pilot who was seen to bale out of his aircraft and come down in the English Channel to-day (Thursday), it was found that the German pilot, who was wounded, was entangled in his parachute."

"One of the crew of the M.T.B. dived overboard to assist in getting the German clear."

"While he was thus engaged and the M.T.B. was stopped, lying alongside the man in the water, three German seaplanes appeared and machine-gunned the M.T.B. and the man in the water from a low altitude, from which the task at which they were engaged could well be observed."

"Three members of the crew of the M.T.B. were wounded."

"In order to avoid further casualties, the M.T.B. re-embarked the rating from the water and got under way, being forced to leave the wounded pilot to his fate."—Reuter.

## **SHA-YU-CHUNG BOMBED**

Sha-yu-Chung, Mirs Bay terminus of the Taipo - Sha - yu - chung Ferry Service, was-bomb-ed yesterday by Japanese aircraft.

It is reported that some 10 bombs were dropped along the waterfront and in other areas. Details of casualties and damage done are not yet available, but it is said that some five or six persons were killed and about 10 wounded.

The raid took place between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and was made by eight Japanese planes.

## **EARLY PHASE OF YESTERDAY'S AIR BATTLES**

AT ONE STAGE IN GERMANY'S LARGE SCALE AIR OPERATIONS OVER THE BRITISH ISLES YESTERDAY, THE TYNESIDE AREA AND SUNDERLAND RECEIVED THE CHIEF ATTENTION OF NAZI RAIDERS.

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique, issued in the afternoon, stated that enemy aircraft again appeared in large numbers over our coasts.

During the morning a large force of bombers, unsuccessfully attacked several R.A.F. aerodromes in the south-east. Our fighters engaged the enemy and inflicted heavy casualties.

Early in the afternoon a number of enemy aircraft crossed the north-east coast and bombs were dropped on the Tyneside area and in the residential district of Sunderland.

No damage of any military importance was caused and the number of persons injured was very small though some were killed.

Further inland, bombs were dropped on several isolated points. At an R.A.F. aerodrome some damage was done to buildings causing a number of casualties.

Anti-aircraft guns and fighters were constantly in action throughout the day and while it was impossible to give any full account of yesterday's action at 5 p.m., reports up to then showed that 55 enemy aircraft had been destroyed.—Reuter.

### **Three Shot Down**

Three planes were shot down during the raids on Tyneside. Two fell in the sea and one of land.

Large numbers of Spitfires and Hurricanes were seen flashing in and out of the clouds, engaging unseen enemy raiders.

A number of high explosive bombs were dropped in the working-class district of Sunderland, causing flames to shoot above the houses.

A terrific barrage of anti-aircraft fire was heard.

Bombs dropped on two villages near the town damaged property and caused some casualties.—Reuter.

## **NAZI GRIP ON HOLLAND**

THE NAZIFICATION OF HOLLAND, WHICH DURING THE FIRST DAYS OF THE GERMAN OCCUPATION WAS KEPT IN THE BACKGROUND, IS NOW ASSUMING WIDE PROPORTIONS.

The Nazi Commissar for the Netherlands, Seyss Inquart, has been touring the country making speeches, accompanied by S.S. detachments who are taking the place of the Dutch State police.

He has never lost an opportunity of stating that the Germanic character of the Dutch people should be enhanced. The leaders of the Dutch Nazi party have displayed increasing activity in explaining what the future policy of Holland's Nazi rulers should be. Collisions, they said, between the old political groups and the new ones apparently cannot be avoided in future.

### **Britain "An Enemy"**

Mussert, Holland's puppet Hitler, stated, according to the German controlled radio, that he aims to free Holland from Jewish, French and British influence and from that of the churches.

Britain had, he said, been Holland's enemy for 300 years, and the fact that constitutional Holland was now still at war with the Germans was of no account. The Dutch people must live with the Germans "as good friends and neighbours."

Meanwhile, the German authorities have prohibited the reassembling of the Dutch Parliament and the Council of State. No elections will be held. The unhindered functions of the representative bodies of a free democracy are incompatible with Nazi rule. Thus Holland's oppression daily assumes grimmer aspects.

### **LATEST CENSUS IN MANCHURIA**

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Lastest census taken by the department for the people's welfare in Hsinking shows the population of Manchukuo is 39,454,000, an increase of 830,000 over 1939. The national proportion is 95 per cent, Manchurians. The number of foreigners continues to decrease and at present is 2,022.—Havas.

### **ITALY FORESEES A LONG WAR**

"On the basis of the present military situation," a long war is possible, according to the Italian newspaper "Corriere della Sera," states a despatch from Milan to the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" of Zurich yesterday.

The Italian newspaper also says more raids over Italian towns are to be expected.—Reuter.

### **NOTE ISSUE AT RECORD HIGH LEVEL**

The Bank of England return for the week ended August 14 shows notes in circulation at £13.9 millions, which is a new high record. Compared with recent weeks the rate of expansion of note circulation was considerably slower.—Reuter.

## **CHURCHILL STATEMENT NEXT TUESDAY**

Mr. Winston Churchill announced yesterday he would make a statement on the war situation next Tuesday, which would be followed by a public debate. The House would adjourn next Thursday until September 5.

The war situation would also be discussed in the House of Lords next Tuesday.—Reuter.

## **NAVY'S CONTROL OF STRAITS**

"I have just returned from a 48-hour cruise in the Straits of Gibraltar on board a British warship," writes Reuter's special correspondent.

"The experience convinced me that a ship can pass into or out of the Mediterranean only if the Royal Navy so desires."

"Italian merchant vessels, like Italy's 'fighting' ships, have been swept from the surface."

"Before Italy declared war the Contraband Control was stopping at least 12 Italian merchantmen every day. They have now vanished, and traffic to and from Italian ports has ceased."

"During the 48 hours steaming only six vessels appeared. They were all Spanish and were plying between Spain and Spanish Morocco."—Reuter.

## **SAFETY OF THE STEEL SHELTER**

Reports from technical experts of the Ministry of Home Security who have visited areas affected by recent air raids, furnish striking testimony to the protective qualities of the Anderson steel shelters.

In one south-eastern town a heavy bomb, probably of 500lb, fell in a garden at the back of a group of small houses, most of which had shelters. One of these shelters was only 30 feet from the bomb crater and held a family of four, including two children. All were unharmed. The house from which they had come was badly damaged.

### **Not Enough Earth**

Two other Anderson shelters close to the bomb crater were damaged because they had insufficient earth covering, in one case because the entrance, which was not facing the house, did not have an earth bank or similar protection, as officially recommended.

In a south-coast town the debris of a house fell on an Anderson shelter, but the occupants were unhurt. A large bomb fell close to a public shelter, the occupants of which were also uninjured.

The reports confirm the necessity, which has so often been officially stressed, of seeing that Anderson shelters have their proper earth covering—15 inches of earth on top and 30 inches at the back and sides.

If the entrance does not face the house or a stout brick wall, or is more than 15 feet from such protection, it must be guarded by an earth mound, or boxes filled with earth, not less than 30 inches thick or half that thickness of

## **'SWEEPER TOWS FLIER**

A minesweeper, which was attacked by a German plane while it was in the act of rescuing an R.A.F. officer, was forced to tow him along on a rope until the machine was beaten off.

The pilot, twenty-five-year-old Flying-Officer Robert New, of Cardiff, was on patrol during the Dunkirk evacuation when his plane was crippled by superior enemy forces.

Although he was wounded in the thigh with shrapnel he crawled out of the cockpit and dropped 8,000ft. by parachute into the sea four miles off Dunkirk.

He swam for three hours and was then "spotted" by the minesweeper. After the tow, he was rescued and landed at a south-east coast port.

## **FORGOT THE NAZI FLAG!**

When an unknown Sunderland man, who took a small boat across the Channel to help with the evacuation of troops from Dunkirk, was nearing the port his craft was blown out of the water.

He and a cook swam toward the jetty and boarded a fast motor-boat lying there. They found a German sailor on board, and, after throwing him overboard, they started up the engine.

A British ship then directed her guns on the motor-boat because the men had failed to haul down the Nazi flag. They had to swim again, but later were picked up.

## **BUTTED INTO A SMUGGLING RACKET**

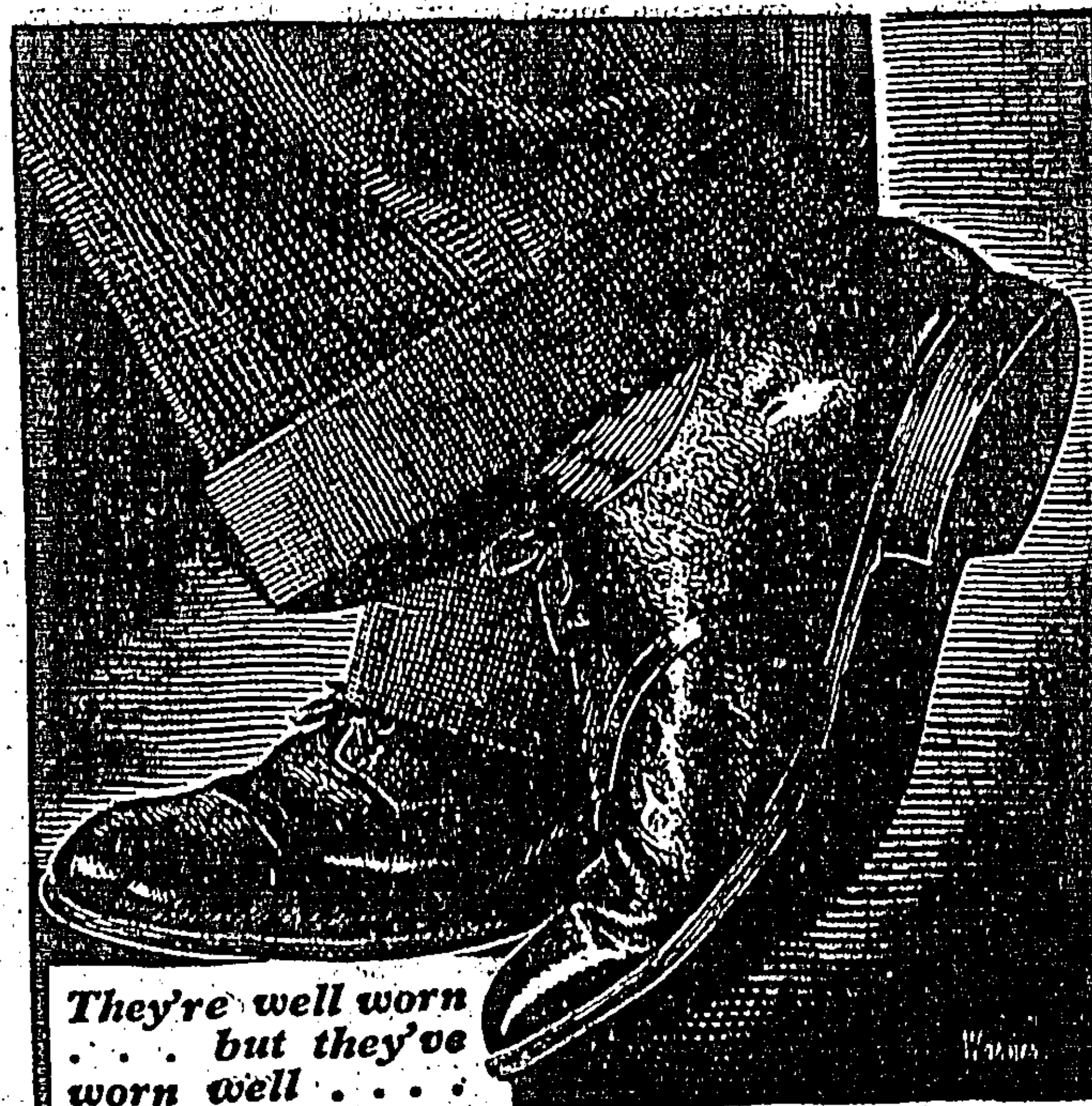
Charged with the theft of seven dozen white belts and 400 incandescent mantles, Chau Wun, 29, cargo ebelle, was fined \$100, or three months' hard labour, by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was engaged to unload cargo from a ship in the harbour, and was found with the articles in his possession when leaving the vessel.

Nobody claimed the articles which apparently were to be smuggled to Singapore.

### **VALUABLE PEN STOLEN**

Mr. J. E. Maier, visitor from San Francisco, lost a fountain pen, valued at U.S.\$25, in the Central District yesterday afternoon.



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## DOROTHY MAY SOON BE A SPITFIRE

Dorothy Clark, born at Grenada, in the West Indies, now resident in England and the wife of Squadron Leader Clark, is appealing for subscriptions from girls and women of the Empire named Dorothy to purchase a Spitfire to be named Dorothy.

Subscriptions can be remitted through any British bank to Lloyds Bank, Sheffield, England, addressed to the Dorothy Spitfire Fund.

—Reuter.

## PARACHUTE HOAX EXPOSED

A Ministry of Information statement says that the dropping of a number of parachutes by enemy aircraft has been further investigated.

A large number were dropped in widely separated areas. Some parachutes fell in their containers, others landed on roof-tops or in the tops of trees. In many instances the harness had not been undone.

In some places empty parachutes were seen falling and Home Guards were on the spot ready to pick them up on landing.

In addition, bags containing instructions purporting to be operation orders were found.

At least one bag was dropped in a place and under circumstances which made it obvious the Germans intended the bag to fall into the hands of the military authorities.

Documents contained in these bags have been examined and are clearly not genuine instructions. — Reuter.

### "Clumsy Effort"

If any further evidence of this were needed it is to be found in the false account of the affair by the German broadcasting station masquerading as a British broadcasting station which had evidently been prepared before the incident took place.

The whole incident is considered in authoritative quarters to be no more than a clumsy effort on the part of the enemy to undermine British morale but on the contrary it has provided outstanding proof of the vigilance and efficiency of the organisation, including the Home Guard, designed to deal with possible parachute landings. — British Wireless.

## RAIDS ON COLOGNE

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT STRONG FORCES OF R.A.F. AIRCRAFT ATTACKED OIL RESERVES AND REFINERY PLANTS IN ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY AT BLAYE, PAULLAC AND AMBES (ON THE GIRONDE ESTUARY) NEAR BORDEAUX.

All three targets were left in flames.

Other forces of our bombers attacked railway sidings and the power station at Cologne.

Both on Tuesday and last night a number of attacks were made on enemy aerodromes in northern France. Four of our aircraft are missing. — Reuter.

# OIL INSTALLATIONS NEAR BORDEAUX NOW A MASS OF WRECKAGE

AN EXTRAORDINARY SCENE OF DESTRUCTION WAS WITNESSED BY R.A.F. PILOTS PARTICIPATING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL RAIDS BY A STRONG FORCE OF HEAVY BOMBERS ON OIL REFINERIES AND STORAGE TANKS ON THE GIRONDE, NEAR BORDEAUX, ACCORDING TO THE AIR MINISTRY'S NEWS SERVICE.

These installations are stated to be among the most important in France and since the German occupation the enemy has doubtless been making full use of this valuable addition to his fuel resources.

Wednesday night's operations, says the Air Ministry's news service, may well have entirely deprived the Germans of their use, for it is believed a great part of the refineries and tanks were totally destroyed.

The refineries and nearby tanks were reduced by a succession of heavy and accurate attacks to a vast mass of blazing wreckage from which streams of burning oil were seen flowing along the ground.

### Too Many Fires!

So many fires were started that instead of helping pilots coming later, the flames made identification more difficult.

One pilot even saw the glare 140 miles away.

A cracking plant, in which oil residues are further broken down, and an oil storage farm 12 miles north of Bordeaux were almost totally destroyed. For two and a half hours a raider after raider flew into position and dropped bombs.

Pilots described how they saw streams of blazing oil gushing from shattered tanks, and towards the end the pall of smoke was so dense that a raider arriving at 10,000 feet found observation difficult owing to the smoke through which he was flying.

One pilot described getting a direct hit following which a sheet of flame shot 400 feet into the air, after which three explosions bumped his aircraft. — Reuter.

## VICTORY FROM THE SCRAP HEAP

SALVAGE FROM THE HOMES, FIELDS AND KITCHENS OF BRITAIN IS ALREADY HELPING TO BRING ENEMY PLANES DOWN, ANNOUNCED THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY YESTERDAY WHEN HE OPENED THE SCRAP-IRON AND STEEL EXHIBITION IN LONDON.

Supplies from this source in July were 5,000 tons up on June and in August they will be even higher.

In one week, 17,000 old cars had been listed for wrecking and hundreds more are to be added. Iron railings amounting to 13,140 tons and old tram lines totalling 10,000 tons had been scrapped and another 30,000 old tram lines have been marked for removal.

Every village now has its iron and steel scrap dump. — Reuter.

### AFTER 60 YEARS

King Farouk of Egypt has signed a decree abolishing the Public Debt Commission, an international body administering the country's foreign loans. It was established in 1880 after the visit of a British financial mission to Egypt. — Reuter.

## THE IMPORTANT FACT

The St. Louis (Mo) "Globe - Democrat" said yesterday that whatever may be the losses on both sides, the important fact remains that the pretentious Nazi offensive did not overwhelm England.

Outstanding encouraging aspect of the entire situation is the splendid morale of the British people. For weeks on end they have been visited by enemy bombers, each week witnessing an increase in the intensity and the volume of the raids.

Yet they have stood up under fire and have gone about their business with as near an approach to normalcy as circumstances permit.

They have reiterated their faith in the Government and their leaders, and by no sign have they indicated that they are weakening or are prepared to take a backward step. — Reuter.

## GIGANTIC TASK FOR HOOVER

Walter Lippman, writing in the New York "Herald Tribune" yesterday, examines in detail the conditions attached to the Hoover relief proposal.

Mr. Lippmann points out the vast detailed American administration required by the scheme and says it involves replacing the British blockade "by an administrative blockade not only on the frontiers between Germany and the invaded nations but also inside these nations, as between the occupying armies, Nazi officials and the Gestapo, on the one hand, and the local inhabitants on the other."

Mr. Lippmann appeals for a cool appraisal of the gigantic system of control involved. — Reuter.

### DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have sailed for the Bahamas from Hamilton, Bermuda. — Reuter.

A \$500 Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank note has been stolen from the residence of Captain S. C. Thaysen, No. 10 (second floor), Tak Shing Street.

The police have detained one of Captain Thaysen's servants for questioning.

## THIRTY FIGHT 200

The R.A.F. scored another brilliant victory in a one-sided battle between 30 Spitfires and Hurricanes and 200 Messerschmidts and Dorniers in a south-west area last evening.

It was stated at a coast town which had the tail end of the fight that anything up to 20 enemy planes were accounted for.

Germans who had baled out were being brought into the town from all directions.

There was one fatal casualty when 80 German bombers raided the south-east coast in the evening. All the bombs fell near the sea front, a hall being wrecked by a cluster of four bombs. — Reuter.

### THOUGHT HE WAS THE POSTMAN?

While delivering milk yesterday at No. 240, Prince-Edward-Road, residence of Mr. J. H. S. Duncan, a Dairy Farm coolie was bitten by the dog. The man was sent to the Kowloon Hospital and the dog to Mataukok for observation.

## CAUGHT IN A PLANE TRAP — WHATEVER THAT MAY BE

A German bomber, according to authoritative quarters, was caught yesterday by one of the plane traps erected by the Ministry of Transport for the military authorities and was completely wrecked, all the occupants being killed. — British Wireless.

## EIGHT TO ONE BUT "IN WE GO"

A brisk air encounter between three British planes and twenty-four German machines over the enemy's "doorstep" is described in the Air Ministry's News Service.

Three Blenheim fighters of the Coastal Command were patrolling off the German coast yesterday afternoon when they encountered 24 Heinkel bombers returning in ragged formation from raids on Britain.

A short brisk fight ensued, and although outnumbered by eight to one, the Benhems sent down two Heinkels and heavily damaged at least two others. — Reuter.

It is announced from the White House that President Roosevelt is leaving to-day to spend the week-end watching manoeuvres of the First U.S. Army in the northern part of New York State. — Reuter.

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# GERMANY WAITING FOR "DER TAG": ALL DANCING FORBIDDEN

THE PEOPLE OF Germany are waiting anxiously to hear news that the attack on Britain has started at last.

Neutral correspondents say that the people are putting all their hopes on the expected attack, because of their desperate desire not to face another winter of war.

The night and day British raids and the British blockade are having serious effects on the public morale.

From yesterday, all dancing in Germany is forbidden. Similar decrees were issued at the beginning of the offensive on the Western Front, but the rules were relaxed recently.

Swiss correspondents speak of a tightening of the censorship and delays in publishing the news. One Basle paper states that Berlin military experts admit that the British defences are being strengthened noticeably and continuously.

Then there is the usual announcement that Hitler has been conferring with his high military chiefs and political heads.

One factor which may be holding things up is the trouble the Germans are having in the occupied territories.

In Western Poland, it is officially announced that seven Poles have been sentenced to death. They are all "members of national Polish civilian organisations" and include four ex-members of the Polish Air Force.

The sentence of death is for "ill-treating twelve defenceless Germans."

There have been earlier reports of disturbances in Czechoslovakia and Denmark.—Reuter.

## GERMANS TRY TO KEEP PARIS COWED

All day Parisians see Germans goose-stepping and heiling through their beautiful streets and boulevards.

Their faces are distressed and resentful. There have been many suicides.

German cars and lorries race through the streets. Bombers roar overhead. These demonstrations of military might are designed to impress upon the people that the Germans are there as conquerors.

Germans buy goods in the shops with credit certificates at the rate of twenty francs to the mark.

On the day of the occupation of Paris bands played military music while regiments goose-stepped across the Place de la Concorde and shouted "Heil, Hitler."

General Dentz, then Military Governor of Paris, said: "This is a ghastly way to end a military career."

Weary French prisoners shouted as they marched past the American Embassy, above which the Stars and Stripes flew.

"There's the American flag. Why the hell didn't you help?" A Frenchwoman rushed up to the column crying: "I must see if he's there."

But the German guards prevented her from approaching the prisoners.

## ACTRESSES TO MAKE MUNITIONS

THERE WERE THREE ROYAL TOURS OF INSPECTION YESTERDAY.

His Majesty the King inspected an aircraft factory, where he saw planes in every stage of production. He was particularly interested in a modern high-speed transport plane carrying from 12 to 20 passengers.

The Queen visited the Beaufort Institute, London, where she saw 300 women being put through a 3-month course before going to munitions factories.

Among them were actresses, novelists, waitresses, dress designers, housewives and artists. The Duke of Kent visited the Ministry of Information, where he was conducted round the news censorship and photograph departments and visited a conference room where journalists from all over the world were receiving the latest information about the progress of the war.—Reuter.

## CAPRONIS ESCAPE

An official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday states that Wajir was repeatedly bombed by three Caproni aircraft.

Numbers of heavy bombs were dropped, causing no damage.

At the time of the raid, our fighters were in the air and immediately engaged the Capronis, which escaped in low cloud.

There was no activity by our ground troops.

Our air reconnaissance penetrated deep into Southern Abyssinia.—Reuter.

## LAST OUT TILL OCTOBER

"Last out till October," Mr. Harold Nicolson, Secretary to the Ministry of Information, advised an Edinburgh audience.

The German Army, Mr. Nicolson went on, had a flaw—the characteristic inferiority complex of the Germans.

Its very mechanical nature exposed it to the same utter collapse that we had known before, if we could last till October.

The pace was so great that Hitler could not stand another winter.

Most of us believed that the Germans were an efficient, brave race. That was not quite true. They lacked moral courage.

"They don't have the individual courage which is vitally important in a war of the air," said Mr. Nicolson. "Man for man, the ordinary British boy is worth three Germans."

"If we can get aeroplanes, we have got the whole bag of tricks in the air."

## ITALY PONDS THE R.A.F. RAID ON MILAN, TURIN

The Rome correspondent of the "New York Times" in a despatch to New York about the British air raid on Milan and Turin, says: "The raid is certainly the talk of the day everywhere in Italy."

"The people are greatly impressed with the fact that the R.A.F. machines succeeded in flying unmolested all the way from England and back again."—Reuter.

## PARACHUTE AFFAIR A NAZI HOAX

The dropping of parachutes by enemy aircraft over the Midlands and in Scotland during Tuesday night's visitations is now dismissed as a hoax.

It is authoritatively described as no more than a clumsy effort on the part of the enemy to undermine British morale.

It is now evident that the whole incident was organised by the Germans, partly for the purpose of spreading alarm, which it noticeably failed to do, and partly as an aid to their defeatist propaganda.—Reuter.

## WHEN CHILDREN OUTGROW THEIR STRENGTH

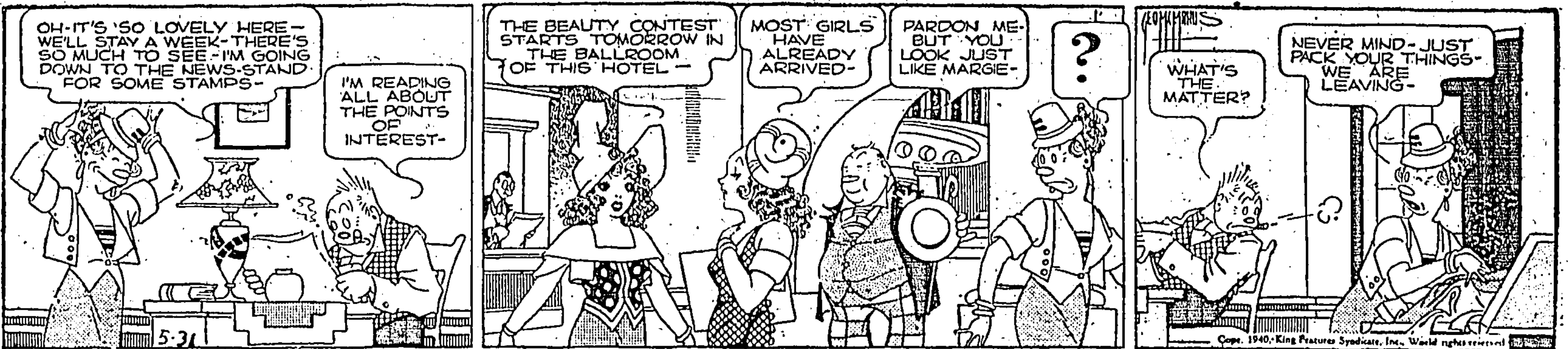
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# Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## MIRACLE OF THE VISTULA

Poland yesterday celebrated her biggest national holiday—the anniversary of the “Miracle of the Vistula”—on British soil.

General Sikorski reviewed Polish troops on a golf course in Scotland. Later, he joined them in Field Mass and the celebrations of the day 20 years ago when Marshal Pilsudski drove back the Bolsheviks from the gates of Warsaw.

Scottish pipers, in full regalia, played the Polish National Anthem as General Sikorski and Lord Hamilton (representing the King) walked round a square formed by 6,000 men of the Polish Brigade.

“Poland will rise again,” said General Sikorski, addressing his troops.

“In these fateful days we stand by Great Britain, until victory brings reconstruction of Europe.” —Reuter.

## OIL-PATCH HINT OF SEA DRAMA

[SPECIAL TO “CHINA MAIL”]

Passengers arriving in New York in the “Yankée Clipper” report seeing a very large patch of oil on the water near the Azores.

They say that the Portuguese Government was asked to look for a ship torpedoed in that area on Tuesday.

The oil-patch was about half a mile wide and five miles long.—Havas.

A workman, Wong Kam-luen, was bitten on the leg by a dog owned by Mr. G. S. Silva, of No. 219, Nathan Road, yesterday.

## LESSONS OF HISTORY

Sir, — A great part of public opinion in Europe (unfortunately including Great Britain) and the U.S.A., paid much more attention to French armaments than to German rearmament.

It is hard to have to tell such truths to friends but we cannot conceal facts (which we mention without bitterness).

Indeed, this feeling of distrust showed itself throughout nearly your whole Press and in a great part of your Literature. (Of course there have been honourable exceptions, Rudyard Kipling among others).

This uneasiness was also marked in your external politics during the years which followed the World War: just look back and you will understand the present tragedy.

Such are the circumstances which allowed Germany to create in a few years' time, the formidable war machine now threatening the whole world.

A nation of over 70 million people does not aim at a single goal: war, for years, without getting results, at least in the beginning.

Besides (and only Mr. Churchill, Mr. Hore Belisha, and a few of your generals seem to have realised it) Germany added to the superiority of equipment the advantage of superiority in numbers (a population nearly twice ours with a greater proportion of young men).

It was our French statesmen's and General Gamelin's great mistake not to have openly put the figures before public opinion. War equipment ..... 1 to 4 Aviation ..... 1 to 5 Men ..... 1 to 3

They should have insisted that a great part of the deficit be immediately compensated, taking, of course, into consideration the fairly secure protection afforded by the 160 miles of the Maginot Line.

Moreover, the numbers weighed in the scales for the following reason: as you know the “Panzer and Mechanised Units” can pierce and break through but cannot hold their gains without the rapid, onrush of Infantry.

Besides they are more or less forced to stick to lines of communication and cannot be separated from their source of supplies for long.

Germany's enormous superiority in numbers (even before Italy's hostile attitude) allowed her both to consolidate her gains and relieve her front by fresh troops whereas, our French soldiers were constantly in the breach owing to lack of reserves.

Do you think for a moment that if we had had in due time equipment and men in sufficient numbers, the Flanders disaster would have occurred?

FAIR PLAY.

## STARHEMBERG IN THE DE GAULLE AIR FORCE

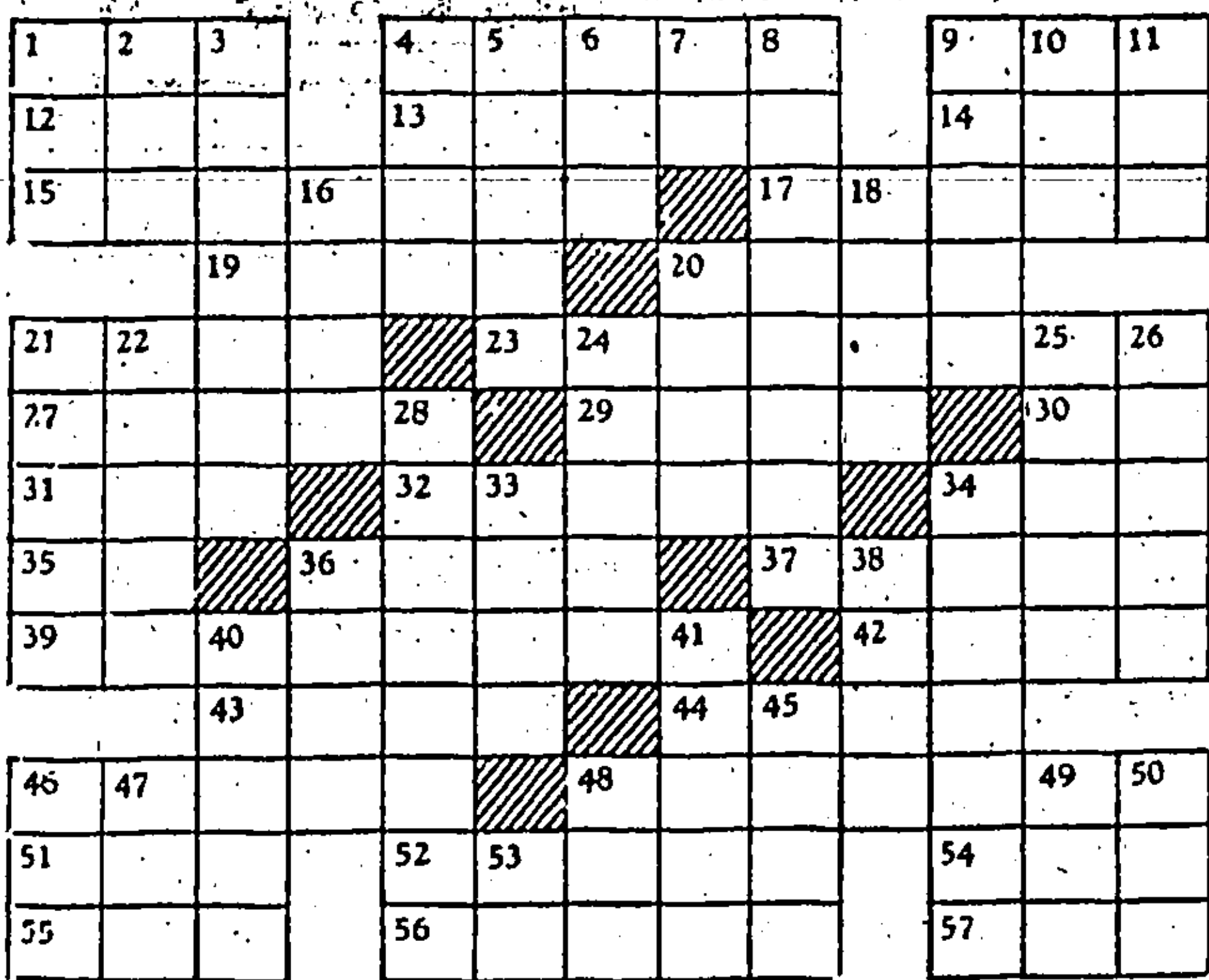
Prince Starhemberg was in the French Air Force and is now a member of the Free French Air Force under General de Gaulle, stated Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, in a written reply in the Commons yesterday.

Prince Starhemberg was driven out of Austria when the Nazis occupied that country. — Reuter.

## BACK TO FARMS

(Special to “China Mail.”) Young men working in Japanese city factories will be released from their tasks and sent to villages to assist the harvesting of autumn crops, the Welfare Ministry announced in Tokyo yesterday. — Havas.

## OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



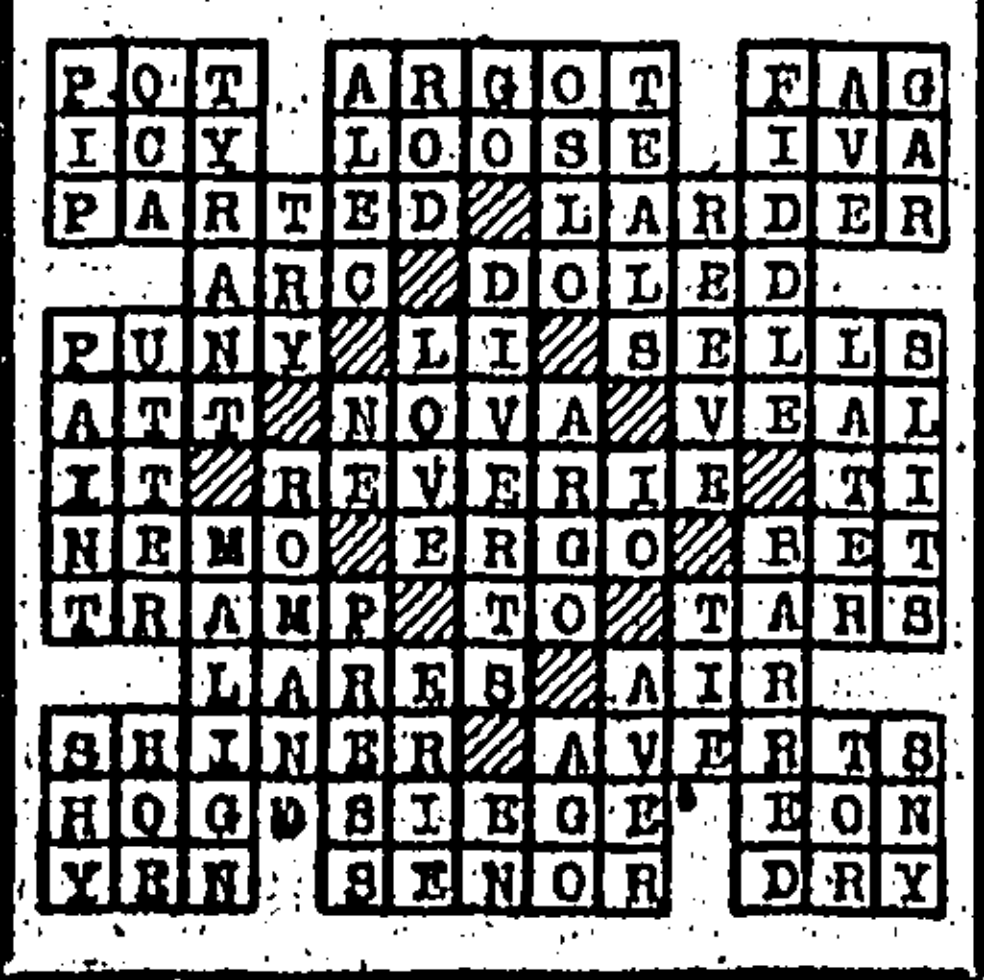
### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Slang: poor actor
- 4 Hindu prayer rug
- 9 Extinct bird
- 12 Room in a harem
- 13 Noble
- 14 Cereal
- 15 Improves
- 17 Sarcasm
- 19 Insignificant particle
- 20 Mohammedan governor
- 21 Monastery room
- 23 Denial
- 27 Long-handled vessel
- 29 To observe
- 30 Artificial language
- 31 Former Turkish title
- 32 Scene of action
- 34 Norse goddess
- 35 Symbol for selenium
- 36 Pertaining to the ear
- 37 Friend of Pythias
- 39 Gifts
- 42 Makes brown

### VERTICAL

- 1 Nave of a wheel
- 2 Fruit drink
- 3 English queen
- 4 To assist
- 5 Hindu musical instrument
- 6 Land measures
- 7 Negative
- 8 Vivacious
- 9 Polynesian
- 10 To admit
- 11 Some
- 12 To sound
- 13 Religious ceremony
- 14 Excited
- 15 Fastener
- 16 Anxious
- 17 To perform
- 18 Constellation
- 19 Giant Norse goddesses
- 20 Regarded highly
- 21 Prong
- 22 To flow forth
- 23 Norwegian capital
- 24 Solar disc
- 25 Painter's stand
- 26 To slip
- 27 Matures
- 28 Club
- 29 Silkworm
- 30 Sodium chloride
- 31 Deep
- 32 To understand
- 33 Brother of Odin

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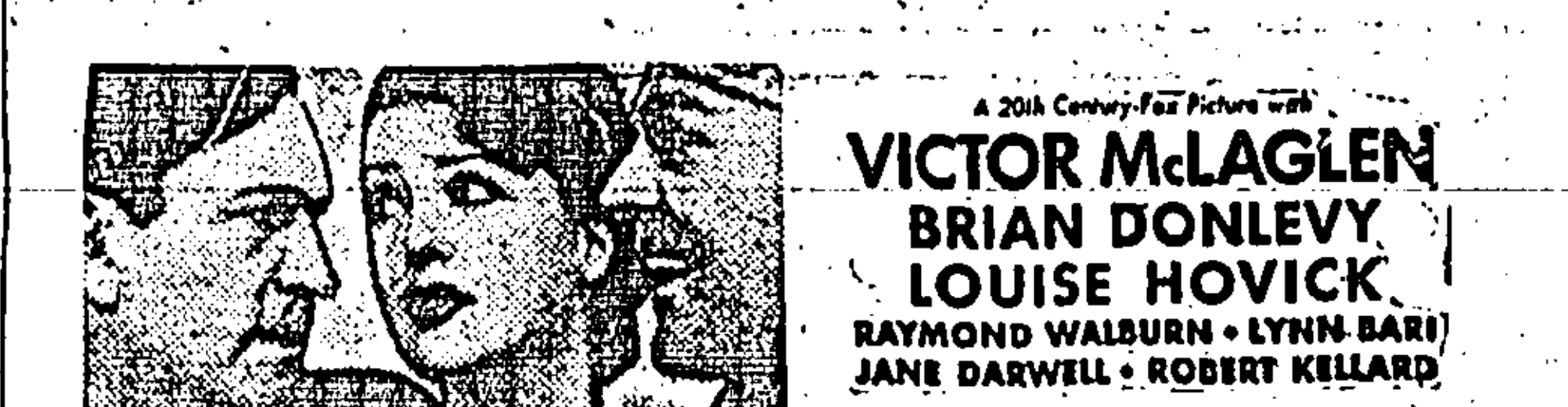


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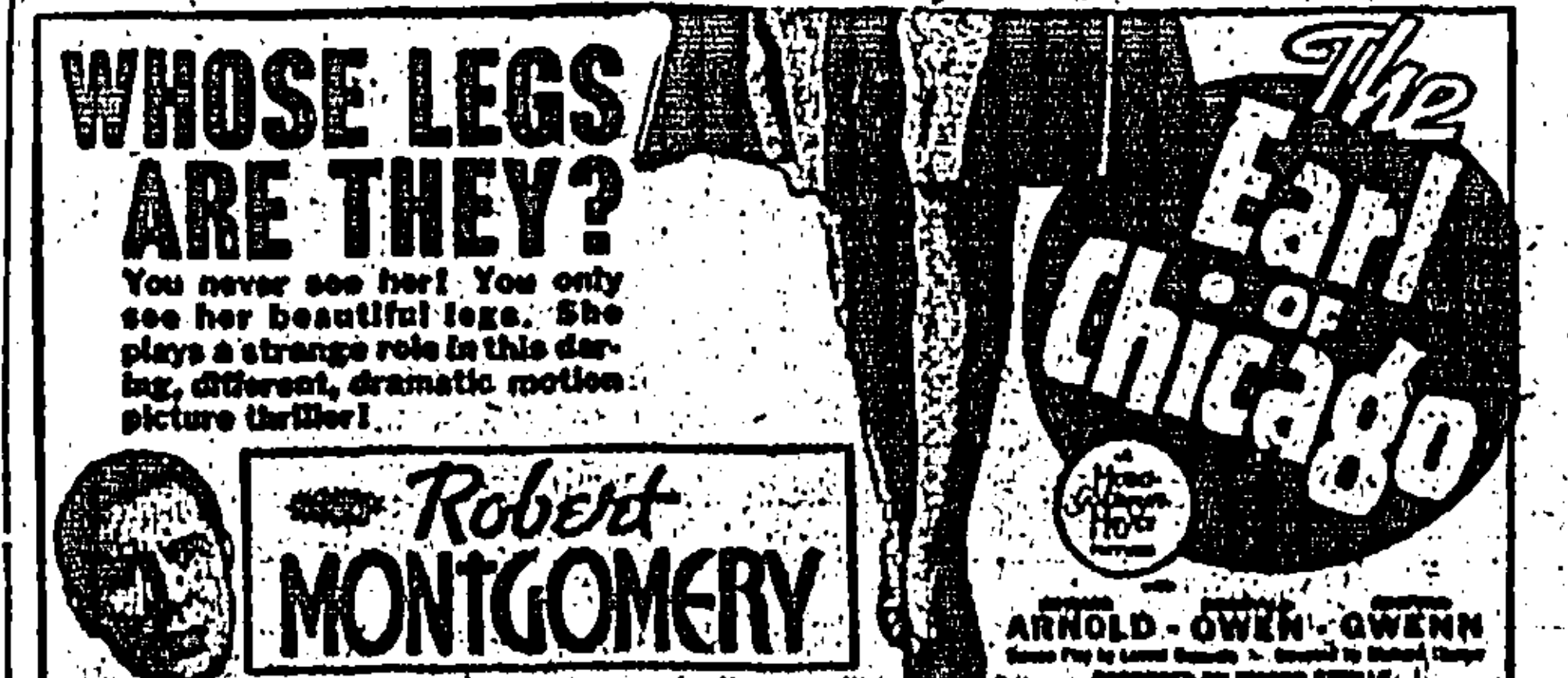
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# U.S. DESTROYERS IN EXCHANGE FOR BRITISH ISLAND?

THE NEW YORK "POST" yesterday printed a story to the effect that negotiations for Britain to receive American destroyers and torpedo-boats in return for concessions to the United States in the West Indies, are almost complete.

The story comes from the newspaper's Washington correspondent who says a final decision may be reached within a few days.

According to this correspondent Britain is reported to have offered the United States a certain British island and the right to construct naval, military or air bases on any British territory in the Western Hemisphere.

The British Embassy in Washington, when asked about the story, said it had no statement to make and referred enquirers to the U.S. State Department. The latter said it knew of no such conversations.

Despite these statements the belief prevails in well-informed quarters in Washington that while formal negotiations may not be going on, the matter may have been broached informally and unofficially.

### Quid Pro Quo

In expressing the belief that it was an exaggeration to say that such an arrangement was "almost complete," these quarters pointed out that for one thing, destroyers could not be released without a special Act of Congress but nobody doubts that a quid pro quo basis would recommend itself both to Congress and the Navy.

Ever since the European war began there has been much agitation in Congress and the press for steps towards securing one of the British West Indies islands as a naval and air base to protect the Panama Canal.

Naval experts have publicly stated more than once that the possession of Trinidad for such a base would make the Canal almost impregnable to attack from the Atlantic. — *Reuter.*

# RED ARMY IN SHAM BATTLES

THE "REFORMED RED ARMY" STARTED INTENSIVE TRAINING IN FORTIFICATION AND MOUNTAIN FIGHTING YESTERDAY UNDER THE COMMAND OF ITS GENERALS AND WITHOUT THE POLITICAL COMMISSARS, WHO HAVE BEEN DISMISSED, AMERICAN PRESS REPORTS FROM MOSCOW STATE.

Sham battles begin to-day and will last for three days.

The official Army organ "Red Star" states that long marches and action in unfamiliar country has begun in the middle of the Asiatic military district.

In the Volga area, troops are being trained in earth and concrete double-line defences.

Preparations are complete for the calling up of the 1920-21 classes for two years' service. — *Reuter.*

# AXIS FOOD SUPPLY

THE BRITISH BLOCKADE CANNOT POSSIBLY AFFECT THE FOOD SUPPLY OF GERMANY AND ITALY BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, IMPOSES GRIEVOUS SHORTAGES AND SACRIFICES ON THE VAN-QUISHED COUNTRIES, SAYS A REVEALING STATEMENT ISSUED BY STEFANI, THE ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY.

"England thinks Germany has assumed the obligation to feed the people rendered hungry by the British blockade," comments Stefani.

"This is an absurd and truly immoral illusion!" — *Reuter.*

# "U.S.A. CANNOT STAND ASIDE"

Mr. Matthew Woll, vice-president of the American Federation of Labour, speaking at New Brunswick, New Jersey, U.S.A., said:

"This is an hour, I believe, when we must think first, not of ourselves and our relative security in the United States from the imminent threat of invasion, but of our fellow trade unionists, if not our kinsfolk, who at this very moment are being visited with death and destruction in a fashion that is enough to stagger the imagination."

"Unquestionably the fate of labour everywhere depends on victory for the democracies."

"One of the most significant things in Mr. Earnest Bevin's recent great appeal is his assertion that the working people of Britain are united with all other sections of the community in their determination that Hitler shall not conquer nor force them to surrender a single inch of the British Commonwealth to his aggression."

"To this great affirmation we say 'More power to your determination.'"

"There is still another fact about this notable appeal by Mr. Bevin which appeals strongly to me. It is the manner in which the trade union movement itself has become the core and centre of this great act of national self-discipline."

"It is, I assert, not only a supreme accomplishment, but I believe it will prove irresistible at this great crisis."

"No one knows how soon we too shall be drawn into the great struggle, and if drawn into this struggle, as now seems inevitable, we shall do well to take a leaf out of the experience of the British trade unions as well as out of the practices of British management in uniting all our great voluntary effort."

"We cannot possibly stand outside and apart from this conflict."

# "PRIVATE ARMIES" IN INDIA

Asked in the Commons yesterday what was the nature and extent of the ban on voluntary organisations in India, the Secretary of State for India said: "There is no ban in India on volunteer organisations as such but in view of the feelings of insecurity which have been occasioned by the recent increase in what Mr. Gandhi has described as 'private armies' run on party or communal lines, orders have been recently issued under the Defence of India Rules, prohibiting drilling of a military nature with or without arms and the wearing of uniforms resembling official uniforms by private individuals." — *British Wireless.*

# HELD MAJOR SET FREE

Major James Hamilton Davidson-Houston, of Pembury Hall, near Tunbridge Wells, who was detained a few days ago under Defence Regulation 18B, has been released.

Kent police say his release is "absolutely unconditional."

# HAD LIST OF GUNS, AIRFIELDS

REGINALD SMITH, NINETEEN, AN EMPLOYEE IN AN ADMIRALTY CHART DEPOT, WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO CHARGES OF BEING IN POSSESSION OF DOCUMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL TO THE ENEMY AND HAVING A WEBLEY REVOLVER WITH NO FIREARMS CERTIFICATE, WAS SENTENCED AT GRIMSBY TO THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON EACH CHARGE. THE SENTENCES WILL RUN CONCURRENTLY.

Sergeant Fleming said that in Smith's motor-cycling coat he found a Webley revolver in a holster, a German cap, and among other things some flying maps, on which was written a list of towns which possessed aerodromes.

He asked Smith what the list he had written represented, and he replied: "They are aerodromes." When asked what reason he had to have such a list, he said he did not know.

Inspector Berrett said Smith was born at Willesden and his father was a driver in the R.A.F. Smith told the Bench he made the list out about eighteen months ago.

"I am not working for any other country," he said.

# MUNITION FACTORIES IN INDIA

TEN THOUSAND MORE MEN ARE SHORTLY TO BE EMPLOYED IN INDIA IN MUNITIONS FACTORIES. THEY ARE BEING ENLISTED UNDER THE RECENT ORDINANCE FOR COMPULSORY SERVICE FOR SKILLED AND SEMI-SKILLED TECHNICIANS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE FULL PRODUCTION OF EXISTING FACTORIES.

Under the ordinance, the Government can call up for work technicians not already engaged in work of national importance. Firms are required to release them for this purpose, and the rights of the workers are safeguarded so that they will not lose their provident or superannuation funds or their right to return to their jobs when their national service is over.

The Government is also to train men to replace them in civil industry. — *Reuter.*

# EMPIRE AIR TRAINING SCHEME

The Air Ministry announces that Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, arrived in Canada yesterday to discuss various matters in connection with the Empire air training scheme. It is stated the scheme is well ahead of schedule and excellent progress continues to be made. — *Reuter.*

# ON THEIR WAY TO CANADA

Over 1,000 children from all parts of the British Isles are on the way to Canada where they will find homes for the duration of the war, it was revealed in London yesterday. They left some time ago. — *Reuter.*

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## TO FREE FRANCE

Whatever new French constitution may be taking shape at the moment, it cannot free itself from the Nazi taint until Britain has helped to re-establish France's freedom. It is now clear that the Petain junta, as it has been called, is completely under the influence of Germany. Its declarations are those of a puppet whose right of self-expression has been ruthlessly extinguished. All pronouncements from Vichy have a familiar ring and might as well have come from Berlin.

One instance is the deliberate suppression of the fact that an honourable alternative was offered to the French Admiral at Oran before the British squadron resorted to the painful use of force in that melancholy episode.

This alternative was an invitation to sail his ships with reduced crews to some French port in the West Indies, where they could have been demilitarised and remained safe until the end of the war.

That would have been a guarantee that these French ships would not be used by the British against Germany or Italy. And so there would have been no violation of the terms of the armistice.

But the French Admiral was instructed by the Petain Government, at Hitler's bidding, to reject this perfectly fair offer. The very fact that the offer was made was deliberately suppressed in the dictated Vichy bulletins.

Meanwhile, democratic America is tremendously shocked by the threatened disappearance from the French political consciousness of the famous slogan, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity." The Vichy move appears to be towards substituting for this motto, a disguised version of the Nazi ideal: "One people, one State, one Fuehrer." The last hated word has already been made to fit Marshal Petain. The only consolation is that the Vichy proceedings are a meaningless masquerade, and that the mock suicide of the Third Republic will not kill the spirit of true democracy among the French people. They can look with confidence to the early emergence of a securer Fourth Republic, when British arms have achieved one of the main objectives, which is to restore the complete freedom of France.

## When Planes Fight

This account of fighting tactics in the air is by Major Oliver Stewart, who experienced aerial fighting in the last war.

Air fighting, in spite of the pre-war prophets, seems to remain just the same now as it used to be.

When Allied and enemy aeroplanes meet they behave exactly as they did twenty-one years ago. Personally I think that there are certain basic manoeuvres which will remain as long as there is such a thing as air fighting. Some people imagine that when two aeroplanes fight they indulge in loops and rolls and all kinds of complicated acrobatics.

Acrobatics are used; but the basic manoeuvre—now, as in 1918 is the ordinary steeply-banked turn. Air fighting consists of turning. When the machines meet they swing immediately into a turn. Then they keep turning and turning until one gets a sight on the other.

Turning is often the beginning and end of an air fight; but it is turning of a special kind, and it subjects the pilots to terrific strains.

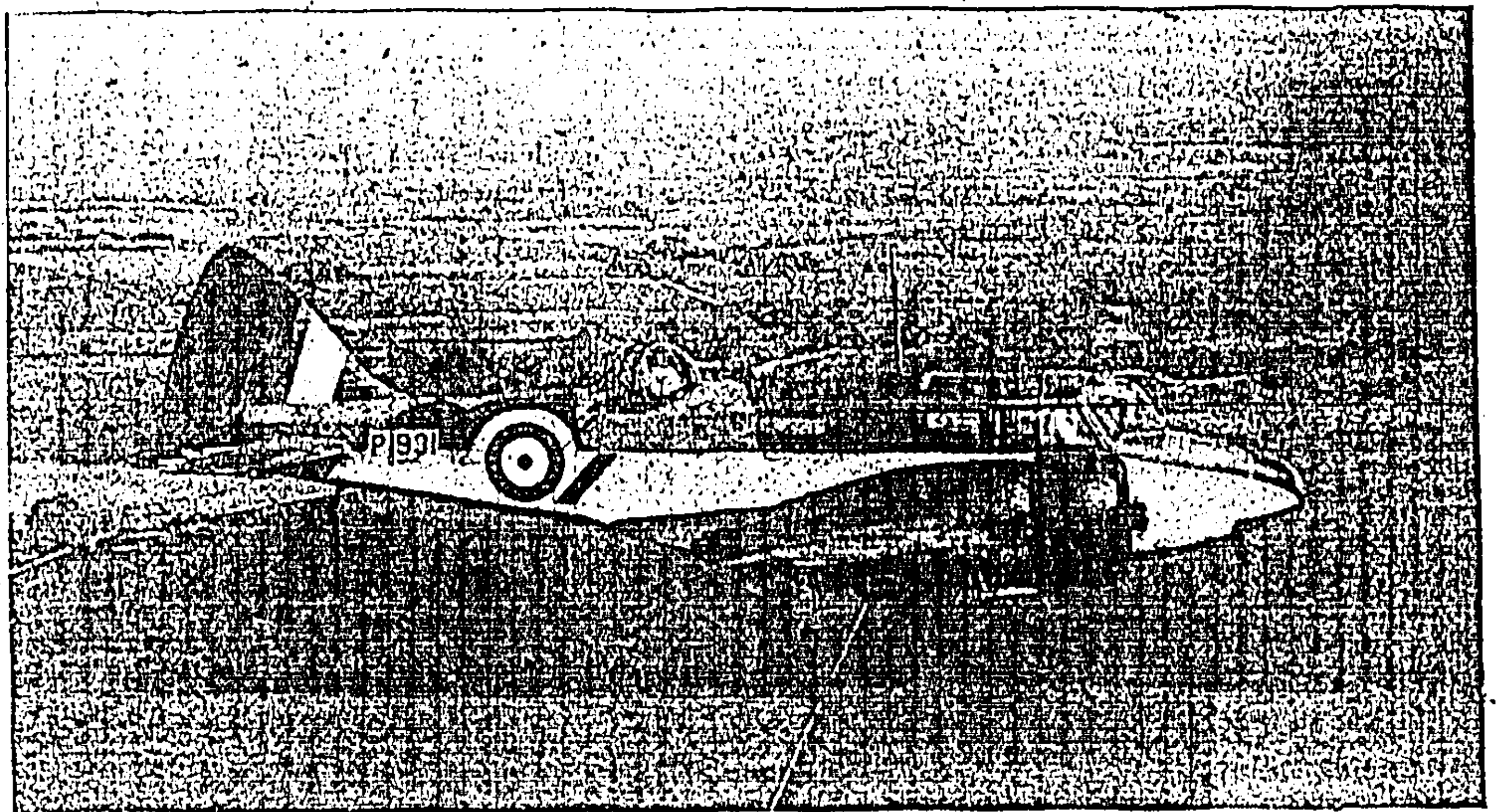
Those strains, just like the tactics, are the same now as they were in the earlier war. Some months ago, I was visiting a fighter squadron in France. I talked with a pilot who had just shot down a German machine and it was really extraordinary that way everything he told me seemed to be an echo of my own experiences in many of the combat I had taken part in in the earlier war. There is no doubt that the basic methods of air fighting are unalterable.

And the physical strains are much the same because, although the pilots of the earlier war were moving at only about a third of the speed of the pilots of this one, they were subject to the same accelerations, or to the same loads, as one might say.

When two fighting aeroplanes meet and enter their turn the two pilots are crushed down in their seats. The faster they go or the tighter the turn the more they'll be crushed down until they finally feel as if they will be forced bodily down through the bottom of the fuselage. They may be held down with two, three, four, or even five times the force of gravity.

To-day's machines may be turning at 300 miles an hour. The machine of 1918 may have been turning at only 100 miles an hour. But the pilot may have just the same load on him, because the tightness of the turn—that is the radius of the turn—is different.

A modern aeroplane going at 300 miles an hour—with its pilot weighing two and a half times what he normally weighs—would be sweeping round on a thousand-yard radius. If one of the old machines, flying at only 100 miles



An Oxford twin engine trainer in flight, during the training of R.A.F. pilots. Note the rear gunner putting in practice from the turret. (Copyright, Fox).

# A Cause That Is Worth Dying For

We are not merely engaged in a war; are caught in the maelstrom of a world upheaval for whose like we shall search the pages of history in vain.

Tennyson, speaks of "that world-earthquake, Waterloo"; but we are witnessing events compared with which the whole Napoleonic struggle was a mere incident.

These are times when we are tempted to think despairingly of man as the helpless plaything of vast elemental forces, or nations as corks driven anywhere at the will of wild wave and furious hurricane.

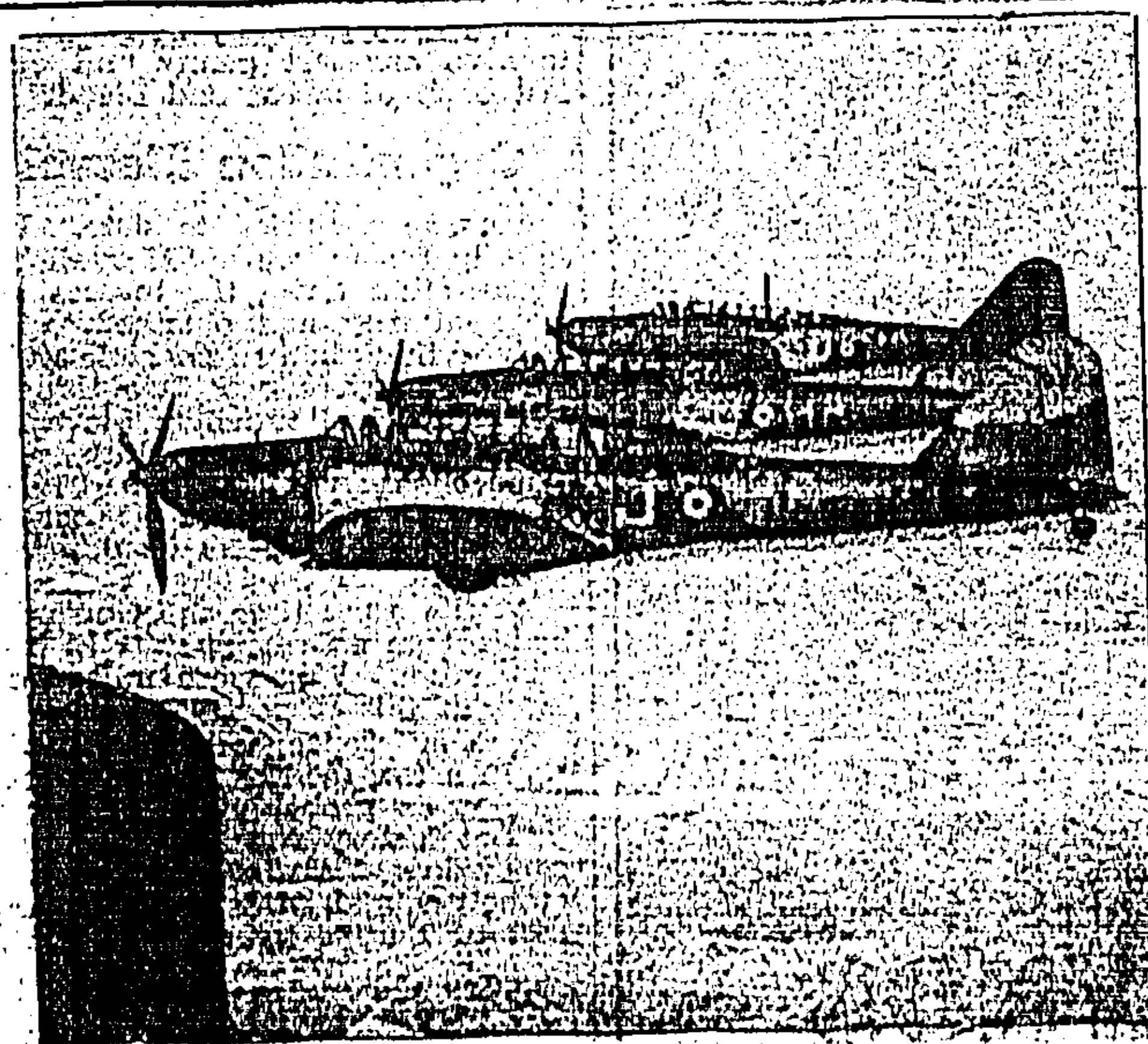
And in the midst of this cataclysm wisecracks come forward

an hour, were to be turned on the radius of about 20 yards the pilot would weigh the same amount—that is, two and a half times his ordinary weight.

In other words, the two pilots, while turning, would be pressed down in their seats in the same way and would feel just the same sort of effect. It's a most unpleasant effect.

The head seems to be made of lead and to be forced down between the shoulders. If one could sit still and hold tight, it would not be so bad. But it is essential to watch the enemy and so the head must be turned and tilted. And every time it is tilted it feels as if it will be snapped off.

Aerial combat is still fought by turning. And the machine that turns best wins. The turn may be made on a small radius or it may be made on a large radius at high speed; it does not affect the basic point, which is that victory usually goes to the machine with the best turning powers.



"To-day our aircraft made a deep raid into enemy territory." So might run the official bulletin, and behind that facile announcement would be another story of preparation, close organisation, and courage. A Royal Air Force flight sets out. (Copyright, Fox).

with neat little formulae to explain everything... "a capitalist war," "the defence of democracy," "a fight for freedom," or even "Hitler's assault on the British Empire."

Herr Hitler, the most conspicuous person on this planet to-day, is no more than a windmill-whirled about by gusts of fate.

We must give up our search for a neat little formula. An earthquake is not explained by the fact that somebody has dropped a brick on the ground somewhere. The worst of these simple explanations is that they are used as a substitute for thinking; and thinking is what we are desperately in need of if we are to control our own destinies.

We need skilful pilotage if we are not to drift helplessly, perhaps to perdition. Our task to-day is the shaping of a new world, and

strong have often tramped on the weak; that the spirit of science—of free search for the truth—has often been sent to the stake; that the powerful have often defied the law.

We must add to this formula the fact that Western civilisation is not a state of being, but a process of becoming.

It is very far from complete, but it is a movement in what we believe to be the right direction; a movement guided by those three far-shining stars.

This is the European tradition. A civilisation based on those three principles is Europe's contribution to the world.

That particular combination of principles is to be found nowhere in the world but in regions lived in and ruled by Europeans or descendants of Europeans.

Take those three principles one by one; and you see that the German Government has betrayed them all—betrayed the great tradition of the German People.

Germany, under the evil spell of that Government, has not merely failed to live up to those principles—we have all done that—but she has flouted them and defied them and declared herself in favour of a different civilisation, altogether; she has set out to make a different civilisation prevail.

She has declared, speaking through the lips of her authoritative teachers, that the Christian ethic, the idea that the weak have rights as well as the strong, is all nonsense, that the only meaning of right is the strength to enforce your will on another; she has persecuted the weak with utter savagery.

She has declared that the free search for truth is all nonsense; she has driven her best thinkers into exile, and warned all her teachers that truth is not their concern; that truth, in fact does not matter; that what matters is the strengthening of the present regime.

She has declared that the rule of universal law is all nonsense, that the idea of one law for a German and a Jew—or a Czech or a Pole—is fantastic; she puts men to death without the pretence of a trial.

Highly civilised in many ways, she has rebelled against civilisation as we understand the term. She is putting the whole strength of her intelligence, her organising ability, and her patriotism into her assault on Western civilisation.

She has made an enormously formidable combination with other enemies of that civilisation.

We are not fighting for capitalism, nor for Parliamentary government, nor for democracy as we understand it to-day nor for any other temporary makeshift which has been useful in its time, and which we may hope to see superseded by something better.

We are defending something which is not accidental or temporary, but essential and eternal; a cause worth living for, worth fighting for, and even worth dying for.

By Walter Murdoch  
(In the "Sunday Telegraph" Sydney)

the kind of world we shape will depend on how many of us are wide awake, how many of us have tried to understand what is happening to the world.

Of all these formulae the least adequate, if we really think out what it means, is that we are fighting in defence of civilisation.

This, it seems to me, can be really useful, provided we don't use it too glibly.

According to some people it is a nonsensical phrase, because Germany is a civilised nation if ever there was one.

So, in a sense, she is; but in what sense?

Not in the sense in which we use the word; for when we speak of civilisation we really mean Western civilisation, civilisation in the European tradition.

Germany has deserted and betrayed this tradition.

What do we mean by Western civilisation?

An American woman writer in a recent article in the New York "Herald Tribune" has given a description which seems to me to be wonderfully compact and true.

She defines Western civilisation as "the synthesis of three things: the Christian ethic; the scientific spirit; and the rule of law."

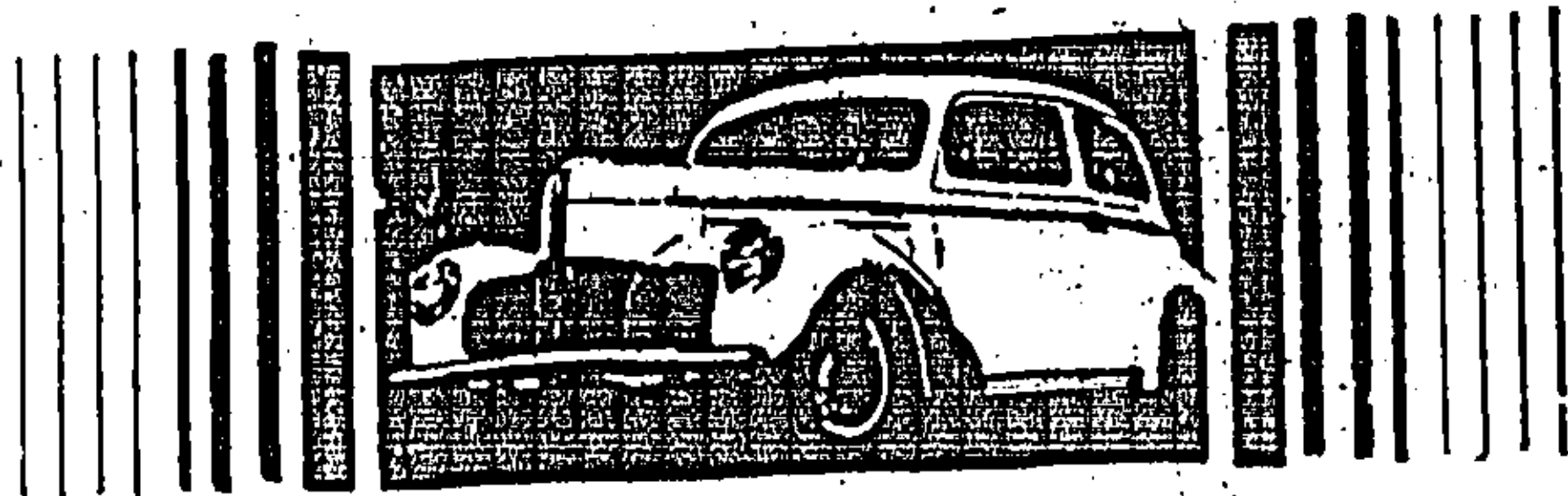
Before you begin to look for flaws in this description, I suggest that you might learn a little heart.

It is no answer to say that our civilisation has never yet lived up to these three principles; that the

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# DECLINES TO PULL HIS PUNCHES

REPLYING IN THE Commons yesterday to questions on the "Swinton committee," Mr. Winston Churchill said he was sorry questions were asked about this organisation because it made people think there was something mysterious about it.

Nothing could be more straightforward. About ten weeks ago, after the dark, vile conspiracy which in a few days laid the trustful Dutch people at the mercy of Nazi aggression, a wave of alarm passed over the whole country lest the same kind of undermining tactics and treacherous agents of our enemy were at work in our island.

The committee of the Commons Swinton Committee, and Mr. A. Hopkinson (Independent) asked Government had power to prevent such questions being put on the order paper.

Mr. Hopkinson also referred to the "mystery" attaching to the committee.

Mr. Churchill, replying, said: "If Mr. Hopkinson had paid half the attention to the full statement I have just made as he did when he was accustomed to obstruct my efforts to get this country defended before the war, he would not have asked that question."

### Reduced To Proportions

He had always thought the danger exaggerated in Britain, he said, and was satisfied that it has now been reduced to its proper proportions and was being looked after with very high efficiency.

It was important it should be so because although we are much stronger than we were in May, the danger of invasion has not passed away, and we are repeatedly told by the Germans that it is about to begin.

The House roared with laughter at this.

Mr. Churchill went on to say that the provisions under the defence measures would not be consciously used in any "unfair, oppressive or un-British spirit."

He trusted the House would support him in declining to answer any further questions on the subject.

He pointed out that it would have been possible under the powers granted to prevent the questions from appearing on the paper or any reference to the subject in the press.

### "Mystery"

The Premier had earlier deprecated the putting of questions on the order paper regarding the

## BRITISH RETREAT IN SOMALILAND

A REFERENCE TO THE CAIRO COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THAT OUR TROOPS HAD FALLEN BACK TO REAR POSITIONS FOLLOWING A VIOLENT ATTACK BY THE ITALIANS WAS REFERRED TO IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY MR. CHURCHILL AS "UNSATISFACTORY NEWS."

He said he would deal with this phase of the war when he makes his full statement on Tuesday.—*Reuter.*

The Italian forces, Mr. Churchill said, were greatly superior, amounting to two divisions supported by armed vehicles and considerable artillery. "As the operations are still in

progress I cannot say any more but I shall be dealing generally with the Eastern situation in my statement next week."—*Reuter.*

### H.M.S. VICTORY UNHARMED

On enquiry at the Admiralty it is learned, that contrary to a claim contained in the German communique that during Wednesday's attacks on Portsmouth, H.M.S. Victory was hit and her flag standard blown into the sea, no damage whatever has been suffered by H.M.S. Victory.—*British Wireless.*

## SIR NEVILE GLAD WE HAVE TO FIGHT THE NAZIS ON OUR OWN

SIR NEVILE HENDERSON, former British Ambassador in Berlin, told a Grantham (Lincs) National Defence Rally he was glad we now had to rely on ourselves to win the war.

"It seems to me," he said, "a far better thing that we in the British Isles should take on Germany and Italy alone if we are to hurl Hitler and his Nazis to destruction and everlasting infamy. We shall probably be required to give our last penny and our last drop of sweat and blood."

### Organisation Marvel

German victories to date, he said, had been due to "marvellous organisation and the masses of material they had obtained."

Everything had so far gone well for Germany, except two things.

Hitler had failed in his submarine campaign against our merchant shipping and had failed to annihilate, as he confidently expected he would, our B.E.F.

At the same time the Germans had got an enormous start in organisation. We were miles behind in this respect.

The difference had to be made up in a few months, within a few weeks, or probably within days.

"Let history repeat itself," he concluded. "We have got to save ourselves, and, pray God, save the rest of Europe by our example."

## NOT SO LUCKY FIND

LEE HANG, 36, WAS SENTENCED TO 14 DAYS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING FOR ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN \$332.78 FROM THE BANK OF CANTON, BY FALSE PRESENCES.

He tried to cash a cheque that he picked up in Des Vaux Road Central, near the Supreme Court, yesterday. The cashier of the Wing Fung Bank gave a coolie a number of cheques amounting to over a thousand dollars, to pay into the Chartered Bank. On his way, the coolie lost some of the cheques.

All banks concerned were notified.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, defendant presented a cheque at the Bank of Canton for \$332.78.

### LEIGHTON HILL ROAD ROBBERY

Mr. A. J. Osmund, of No. 6, Jordan Road, has reported the theft of a radiator cap and a driving licence from his car, No. 2005, which was parked in Chatham Road between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. yesterday.

Mr. A. G. Suffad, of No. 10, Leighton Hill Road, has informed the police that between midnight and 7 a.m. yesterday, some person entered his residence, and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$65.

# Enthusiastic Air Aces Get Their Chance

THOUSANDS OF young men who volunteered to be trained as pilots and observers are now being absorbed in Initial Training Wings after a period on deferred Service leave. Their only complaint is that they have had to wait so long before being called up for training to take their place in the fighting line of the Royal Air Force.

The principal impression gained from a visit to an I.T.W. is the utter disregard of the cadets for personal achievement and their enthusiasm for the subjects which will fit them for the duties which lie ahead when they are members of an air crew.

Among a recent group in a University town are undergraduates who, only a few weeks ago were taking their "finals" at the college where they are now cadets. Many have been at the Wing for a few days, but all are unanimous in their opinion that they are glad to be making a real start.

"I really feel I am doing something at last," said one. He is a 24-year-old youth from Ceylon, who came to England in 1935 and has since learnt to fly, obtaining an A and B licence.

In the same squadron is a Czechoslovakian who took a degree in law at Oxford, and flew back from America to join up on the outbreak of war.

## "On The Job"

"Now I am on the job," he says, "and I intend to make the most of it. Both my parents are dead, and nearly all my relatives have been killed by the Germans."

Another newcomer to the R.A.F. is the general manager of a departmental store in Wimbledon who volunteered last November. While he was waiting to be called up he attended a night school to revise his mathematics.

Such examples of enthusiasm are to be found in every flight of every squadron of every Initial Training Wing. Every Squadron Commander and officer responsible for training the cadets speaks of this spirit of determination.

## Intense Training

The training at an I.T.W. is thorough and intense. Not only is the theory of flight and elementary navigation taught, but practical instruction on the visual Link trainer is given. There are lectures on hygiene, anti-gas measures, the handling of aircraft, range duties, and the correct procedure for fitting and cleaning uniform equipment and arms.

Those who are taking this course now have waited ardently for their turn to come. There are thousands still waiting in the "pool" of air crews, but thousands more are wanted to keep the pool filled.

## "Speeding-Up"

The Commanding Officer of an Initial Training Wing said the other day to a new batch of cadets:

"Don't think that we do not appreciate the impatience which some of you feel because your calling up has been delayed longer

## NO EXCUSE

Kwok Kin-man, 20, of No. 13, Granville Road, was fined \$15 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning of avoiding payment of ferry fare.

Sergeant Alexander said that accused, travelling on board the ferry launch "Man Tak" from Hong Kong to Yau-mat yesterday afternoon, told the inspector that he had a ticket but forgot to bring it along. It was, however, discovered that he had no ticket. The Sergeant added that accused had no excuse for avoiding payment as he had sufficient money in his possession at the time.

For a similar offence, Lui Chuen-pun, 26, shop fook, was fined \$10, or seven days' hard labour, and was also cautioned for using another person's ticket.

## ANTI-RED DRIVE IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE JAPANESE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, MR. AKIRA KAZAMI, IS DEVISING A NEW SET OF MEASURES TO ELIMINATE COMPLETELY THE COMINTERN'S ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN.

All-round revision of the existing law for the preservation of public order is one of the measures contemplated for achieving this aim.

At present the bureau of penal affairs is drafting an amendment including under the heading Comintern, all forms and manifestations of the Comintern movement. — Havas.

## TYPHOON NEARS INDO-CHINA

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone remains in the Pacific to the east of Japan.

The China Sea depression is approaching the Indo-China coast near Tourane; the Pacific depression is situated about 700 miles east of Manila moving westward.

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Specifications may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary's Office at the above address.

Tenders should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary's Office not later than 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th August 1940.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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### (By The Four Aces)

THREE TRICKS ON ONE PLAY  
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♠ 8 6 4  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ A J 10 9 3  
♣ 6 2  
♠ 7 5 3 2  
♥ Q 9 7 2  
♦ K 6 5  
♣ J 9  
N E  
S W  
♠ A 10 9  
♥ A 10 5  
♦ 7 2  
♣ A K 10 7 3

### The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the deuce of hearts, and South held up his Ace until the third round. Then he led a diamond, and West quite properly put up his King. That ruined the diamond suit, and South managed to win only six tricks.

At the other table, the South player ambitiously climbed up to three no-trump and made that contract! The first three tricks were the same, but on the diamond lead, West failed to put up the King.

East could have saved the game by refusing to win the diamond finesse with his Queen; but, as it happened, he took the Queen and returned that spade King. South won and boldly took another diamond finesse. When that held, he took the rest of the diamonds.

That still wasn't enough to give South the game, but the last diamond squeezed poor East. South had discarded two clubs, and East one club on the earlier diamonds, but what could East discard on the last diamond? He knew another club would be fatal, so he parted with the Jack of spades. Thereupon, South discarded a third low club and led a spade from dummy. East made the spade Queen, but South took the rest.

Yesterday you were David Burnstone's partner, and, with neither side vulnerable, held:

♠ A J 10 7 4  
♥ K J 10 6 3  
♦ 8 5  
♣ A

### The bidding:

You	Schenken	Burnstone	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. Your partner's bidding indicates enough strength in the red suits to yield a play for game.

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### QUESTION NO. 490

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 9 8  
♥ 8 3  
♦ A Q 10 7 4  
♣ K 9 2

### The bidding:

Schenken	Males	You	Burnstone
1♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

## TYPHOID AT A WEDDING

A bridegroom and his bride of a fortnight are among 33 people seriously ill in isolation hospitals in Durham, England. They are suffering from paratyphoid, believed to have been caused by food poisoning at the wedding reception, and doctors in the Consett area are searching for other guests who attended the reception and may be "carriers" of the infection, which only began to manifest itself 11 days after the wedding.

In one hospital are 20 others of the wedding guests including the bride's parents and their family and several relatives of the bridegroom; some of them critically ill.



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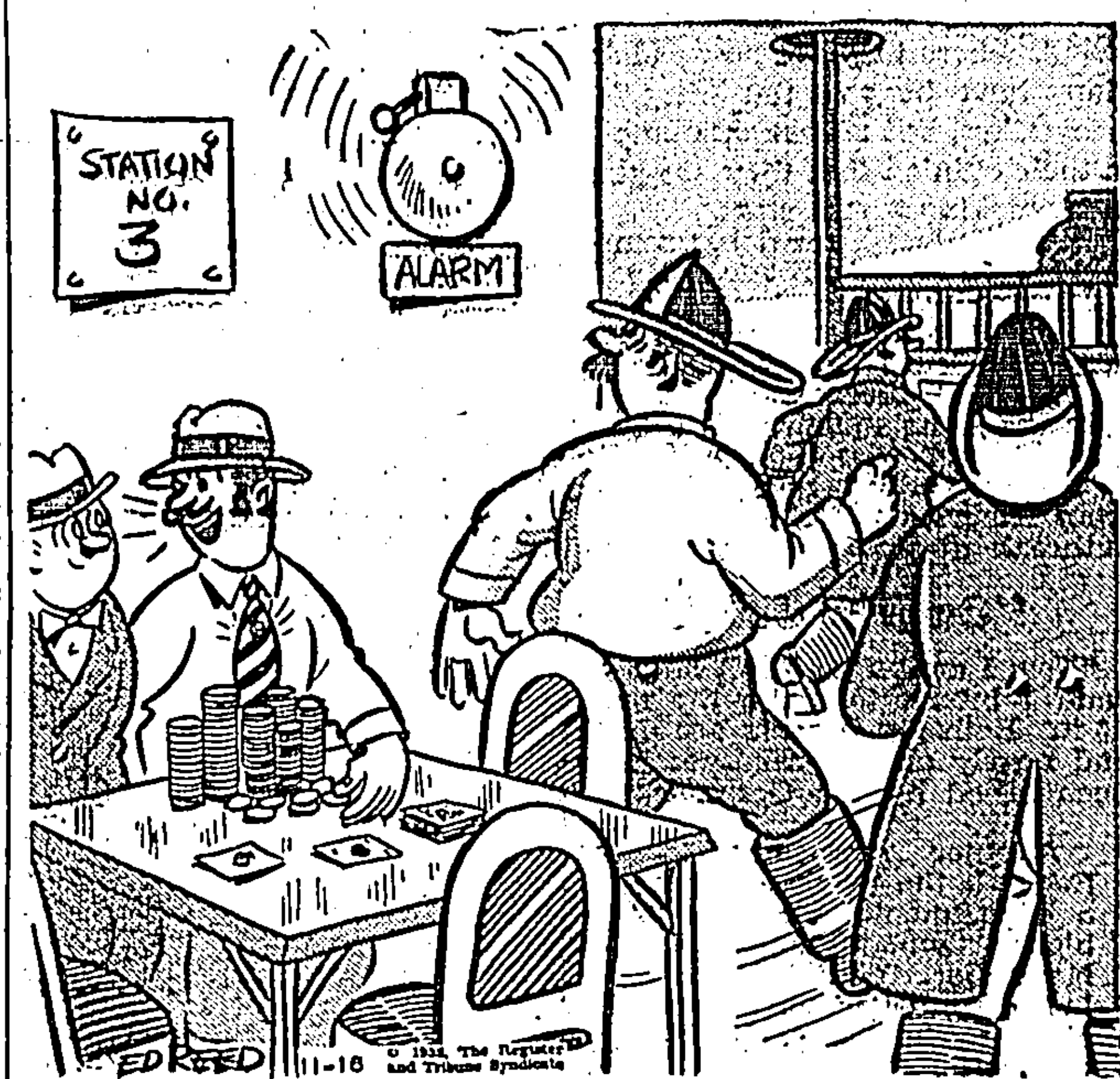
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## SAILORS LURED AWAY

THAT GANGS OF MEN LIE IN WAIT FOR SAILORS AND ROB THEM WAS DISCLOSED AT LIVERPOOL POLICE COURT, BY MR. H. R. BALMER, PROSECUTING SOLICITOR.

The police are having great difficulty, he said, in dealing with gangs of men who lie in wait for sailors.

They lure these unfortunate seamen into public-houses and ply them with drink. Then, pretending to take them back to their ship, they lead them into some dark, back street, where they beat them and rob them of all their belongings.

In the dock was Thomas Anderson (29), of Brunswick Gardens, Liverpool, and he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for stealing a wallet, containing £3 10s., and a parcel of clothing valued £6 16s., belonging to a Swedish seaman, named

Janne August Hakonson, in Back Maryland Street, Liverpool.

Hakonson said that Anderson and another man got into conversation with him in a public-house and, after they had had some drinks together, they offered to take him back to his ship. They led him into a back street and then attacked him. While he was becoming unconscious he realised they were going through his pockets. When he came back to his senses all his money and his parcel had gone.

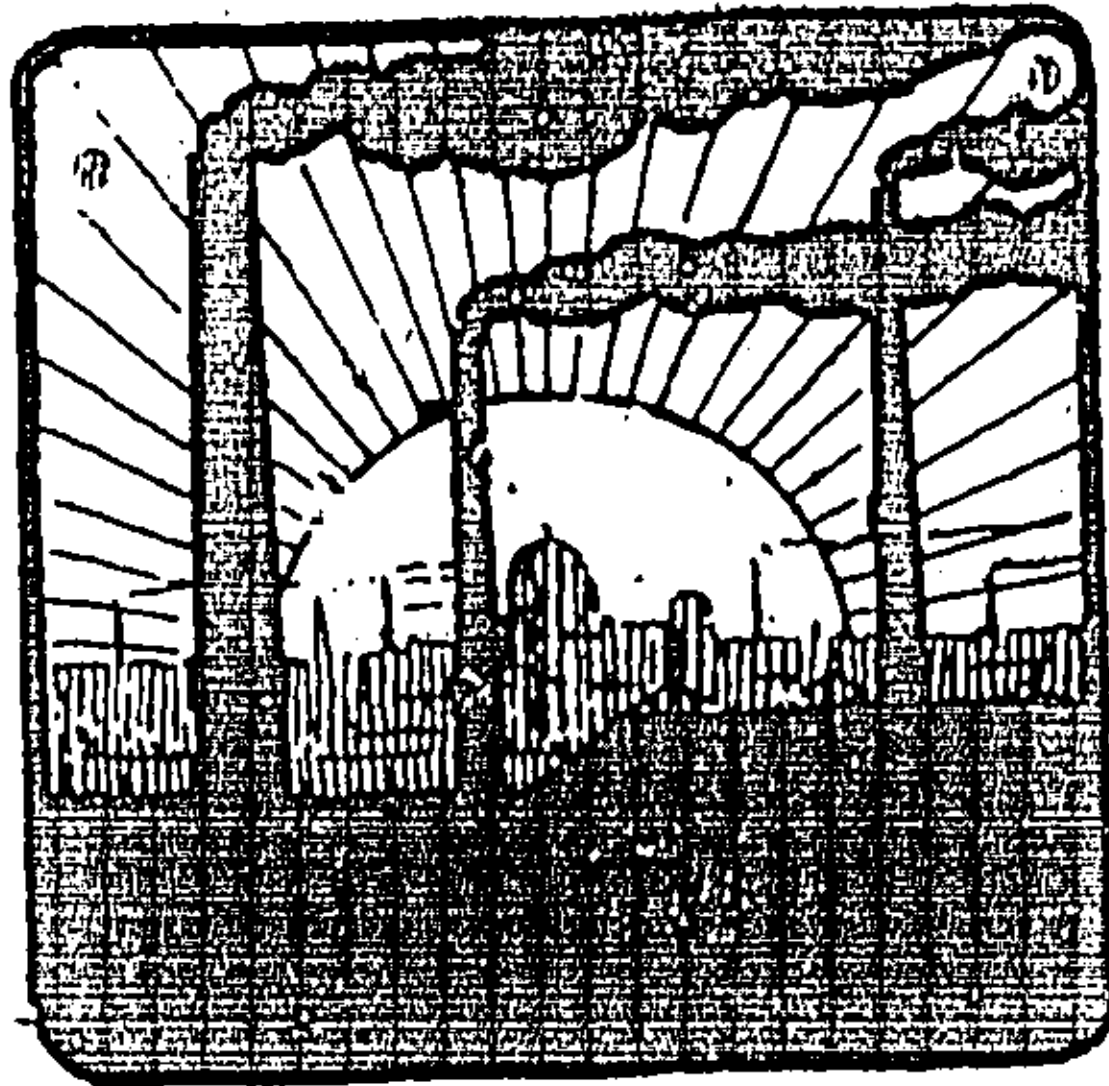
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The German Embassy has denied either connection with or approval of the four-page publication.

Printed in Spanish, the pamphlet was signed by an unknown "A. Hudal," who described himself as "A comrade of Hitler during his political struggle, and to-day, after his success, his humble servant."

The pamphlet states that since Germany is the seat of the Aryan race, the task of ruling the world naturally falls upon her, "but racial superiority should not entitle her to despise other peoples less endowed with Aryan blood."

The pamphlet said Germany had been accused of imperialism. "It's true, but it is only for humanity's sake. We shall build the United States of Europe and then of the world. This union can be achieved only through force."

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## WEAK TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange initially improved yesterday but later most groups reacted from the day's best owing to the non-maintenance of support. Gold-minings, however, held the early advance while oil shares strengthened under the lead of Trinidad issues. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

## ESCAPED AS ONION SELLERS

Four young B.E.F. men were captured by the Germans in Northern France and locked up in a church. They escaped, made their way to the coast disguised as Breton onion sellers, and arrived in London safely.

They were Corporal Pat Hanley, of Deal, and his pals, Private A. Halls, also from Deal, Fusilier S. Davis, of Rochdale and Lance-Bombardier J. Croft, of Stoke-on-Trent.

"We were locked up in the church for eight days," Corporal Hanley told reporters, "and we got fed up with it."

"A sentry came round every hour or so, and on the eighth day I said to my pals that if he came round that night I was going to bash him."

"The sentry came round all right. I gave him a couple of good kicks in the pants, and we got away into a wood."

"We were in the wood for four days without food and we only had dirty water to drink. When we got out of the wood we found a barn where some natives were hiding, and they gave us a meal."

### "Borrowed" A Boat

"Later we met some Belgian refugees, borrowed some clothes and berets, and with sticks of onions over our shoulders off we went like four onion-sellers."

"Then some kind French people near the coast kept us and fed us for three days. We waited for a good night and decided to get across the Channel."

"We 'borrowed' a white rowing-boat from a shed, painted it black, and set off, taking some corks with us to plug any holes made by machine-gun bullets."

"We brought a couple of French soldiers with us in the boat. We were lucky enough to escape any shooting on the way over."

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1.03 p.m.—Charles Kullman (Tenor) and The No. 4 Mayfair Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6.00 p.m.—Brahms—Quartet in A Minor, Op. 51, No. 2. Lerner String Quartet.  
6.30 p.m.—Brahms' Songs.  
O Wusst' Ich Doch Den Wag Zurdok, Op. 63, No. 8; Vier Ernste Jesange, Op. 121, No. 3; O Tod, wie bitter. . . . . Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Gerald Moore at the Piano.

6.40 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.42 p.m.—Luigini—Ballet Egyptian. Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

6.55 p.m.—An Orchestral Concert with Vocal Items by Miliza Korjus and Hubert Elsdell.

Serenade (Moszkowsky). . . . . Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra.  
Merry Wives of Windsor—Overture (Nicolai). . . . . Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Maidens of Cadiz (Delibes). . . . . Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orch.  
Moto Perpetuo, Op. 11 (Paganini). . . . . N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

Thinkin' Of Mary (Sterndale Bennett); Always As I Close My Eyes (E. Coates). . . . . Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with Piano.

The "Sleeping Beauty" — Waltz (Tchailowsky); Hungarian Dance No. 5 in F Sharp Minor (Brahms). . . . . Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden.

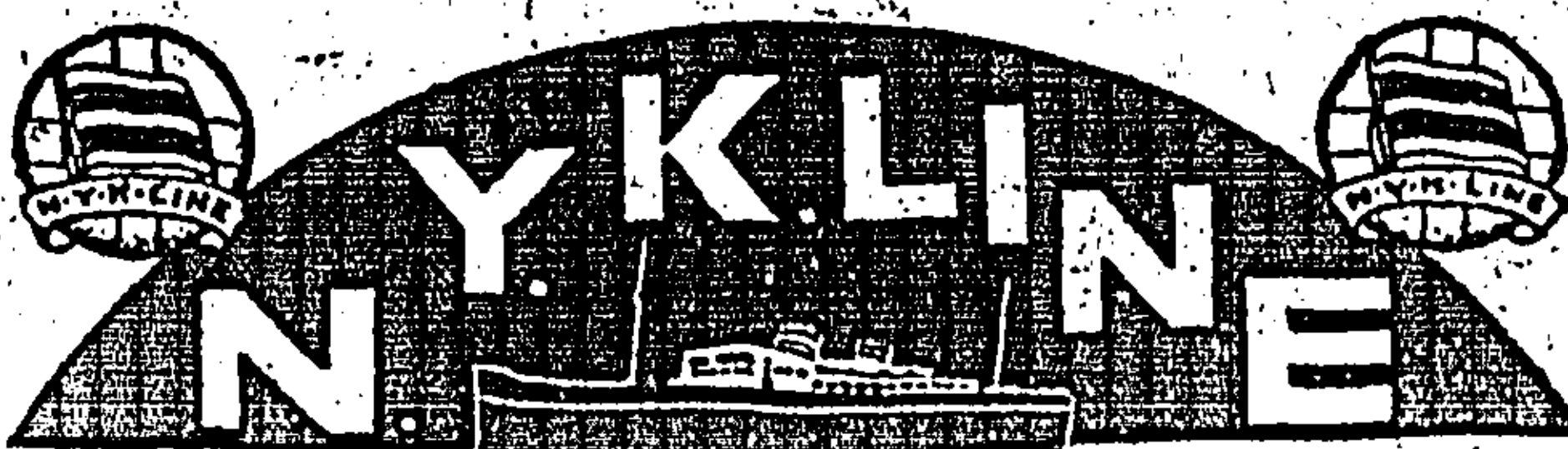
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Variety Programme.—The Regal Radio Party: Max Miller; Nellie Wallace; Ivor Vinton assisted by Molly Vyvyan and Ann Gordon; Dick Powell; Will Hay and His Scholars; Ginger Rogers; The Western Brothers; Carroll Gibbons; and Gracie Fields.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs", by Wickham Steed.

9.45 p.m.—Derek Oldham (Tenor) and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.  
10.10 p.m.—Chopin—Concerto No. 2 in F Minor, Op. 21. . . . . Alfred Cortot (Piano) with Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

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# SET RULES TO COVER LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE NECESSARY

## "Skip" Names Several Situations That Might Arise

### ONLY LOCAL SPORTS LEAGUE NOT COVERED BY RULES

By "Skip"

FOR YEARS PAST A Lawn Bowls League has been run in Hong Kong and it has, I may add, run fairly smoothly. This can be attributed chiefly to the friendliness of the various clubs in the past, but it is an undoubted fact that with the increasing popularity of lawn bowls, the competitive spirit has in some cases tended to oust that friendly rivalry which was evident only a few years ago.

Whether it is caused by the question of relegation or not I cannot say but I definitely sense it.

The League, as I have said, teetering. My remedy would be a has run smoothly but the amazing drastic one, but fair to all I think, fact remains that as far as I know I would form a rule on these lines.

Compulsory relegation was introduced at an Annual General Meeting some time ago but has not been strictly adhered to, due to the continuous expansion of the Leagues and no criticism can be levelled at Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association on that score.

But there are several situations which call for a ruling or guidance:

I was asked only last week, for instance, what action should be taken should a player be called away from a game when a number of heads remained to be played. I replied that I thought 25% would be deducted from the remaining score and I still think so, but I agreed right away that there is no ruling on the subject.

I can name five doctors who regularly play bowls in the League, whilst members of what I will call Essential Services such as the Police or Fire Brigade turn out each week. Furthermore it is not inconceivable that a member of one of the Dockyard staffs may be wanted in an emergency. Should they have to leave the green, what happens? Nobody knows!

Then again there is this vexatious question of interrupted matches. It is a difficult problem, but I think that it would be much easier to make a definite ruling than for the players to try and arrange a date convenient to all, on which to complete their game, especially so in times like these when so many players are volun-

"Any match which is interrupted by rain shall be ENTIRELY replayed at a date to be fixed by the Association, unless one team is in such a position that it cannot possibly win, in which case the points would be awarded to their opponents."

It is a drastic rule, I will admit, but the only equitable one of which I can think. Let us take an imaginary case but based on actual facts—if that does not sound too contradictory.

Suppose that in the first match of the season, The Touchers are playing The Ditchers when rain stops play after five heads, with the former 10 up on all three rinks. The Association arranges for the game to be played say 12 weeks later but by that time two of the Touchers skips have lost their places, whilst the third has taken over one of the places vacated by the other relegated skips! Who is to play who, when the game is continued? Supposing that question is decided by a re-draw—though there is no guidance on this point—then two of the new skips have to commence their games with a deficit of 10 shots!

This is obviously unfair, to the individual at any rate, and my rule, which would operate in the same way for all teams, would cover the question. I may have wandered from my theme a little to make the point but I say once again that we must have a set of rules for the League as is done in most other sports.

## DALL PLAYS BIG PART IN SEASON'S BIG SENSATION

FAVOURED IN MANY quarters to be one of the teams winning the Lawn Bowls Sweep last Saturday, Recreio received a rude shock when they were beaten by Police yesterday by three shots, when their "A" Division game was resumed.

When the game was stopped on Saturday, Police were being led by 9 shots—E. G. Post leading H. A. Alves by 5 shots; J. C. Fender down to C. G. Silva by 10 shots.

Fender was unable to turn out yesterday owing to illness and this caused a change in the position of the players. W. S. Dall, erstwhile No. 3, took over the skipping and J. C. Aitken of the Junior team played at No. 3.

Post and H. A. Alves were on level terms at 15—all at the 15th head but after that the Police struck their best scoring mood and tallied on all but one of the remaining heads. They finished up with three twos, a three and a single to win by 25—16.

J. Shepherd and F. X. Silva had a good tussle but at the 15th end Recreio were leading by 18—11. Shepherd scored five singles in succession to lose by 19—16.

When two rinks had finished and one head remained to be played between C. G. Silva and W. S. Dall, the Police were leading by two shots.

Much depended on the last

### FIRST DEFEAT SINCE 1938

Recreio's defeat yesterday was the first inflicted on them since Kowloon Cricket Club beat them in 1938. In that season they also lost to Craigengower Orkney Club, these two matches being the first of the season. They went through last season without defeat.

head, Recreio requiring a three to win, but Dall scored a single to record the Champions' first defeat in two seasons.

This defeat places Craigengower on level terms with the champions.

Recreio "A"	P.R.C.
J. Luz	T. R. Hunter
C. E. Marques	W. Harris
J. F. Ribeiro	J. Aitken
C. G. Silva	W. S. Dall
(Skip)	(Skip)
22	(Skip)
L. F. Xavier	F. Nolan
C. M. Silva	H. Brown

### LAWN BOWLS SWEEP

The following is the draw for the Bowls Sweep for this week:—

**FIRST DIVISION**  
K.D.R.C. (385) v Recreio "A" (143)  
C.C.C. (657) v C.S.C.C. (332)  
Recreio "B" (218) v K.C.C. (142)  
H.K.F.C. (371) v K.B.G.C. (593)  
P.R.C. (575) v I.R.C. (285)

**SECOND DIVISION**  
H.K.C.C. (72) v C.C.C. (605)  
P.R.C. (481) v T.D.R.C. (137)  
C.S.C.C. (597) v K.B.G.C. (544)  
K.C.C. (146) v K. Tong (851)  
Recreio (139) v K.F.C. (839)

**THIRD DIVISION**  
K.B.G.C. (428) v H.K.E.R.C. (915)  
K.F.C. (169) v P.O.C. (462)  
C.C.C. (785) v H.K.C.C. (181)  
H.K.F.C. (858) and I.R.C. (383) who are not engaged this week end in Third Division are the other numbers drawn.

### BOWLS TEAMS

Following Lawn Bowls teams have been selected for Saturday's League matches:—

**K.D.R.C.**  
First Division (v Recreio "A", home)—R. Lapsley, J. G. Ozorio, G. Cooper and J. Kempton (Skip); A. M. Calman, T. Mason, T. Coleman and J. McKelvie (Skip); W. Houston, A. N. Other, M. Ferguson and R. Morrison (Skip).

**K. TONG**  
Second Division (v K.C.C., away)—N. A. E. Mackay, H. Y. Hsu, A. H. Basto and H. Gittins (Skip); Y. H. Tang, H. Kew, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip); H. A. Castro, A. E. H. Castro, W. J. Howard and A. J. Kew (Skip).

**P.R.C.**  
First Division (v I.R.C., home)—T. R. Hunter, W. B. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. C. S. Fender (Skip); G. Perkins, W. J. Cameron, A. E. Carey and E. G. Post (Skip); F. Nolan, H. Brown, J. Orem and J. Shepherd (Skip).

**Second Division (v Talkoo R.C., home)—J. W. Harrop, J. Riddell, W. L. Clark and F. Channing (Skip); A. McSmith, G. Willerton, A. Soutar and J. MacDonald (Skip); J. Hayward, C. Wilcox, J. R. McWalter and J. Aitken (Skip).**

**K.C.C.**  
First Division (v Recreio "B", away)—A. W. Smith, G. Lee, W. Hyde and E. Kern (Skip); V. C. Labrum, T. Madari, A. W. Ramsey and E. C. Fincher (Skip); L. Jack, J. W. M. Brown, J. Fraser and F. Goodwin (Skip).

**Second Division (v K.T.R.C., home)—R. S. Capel, W. Parsons, G. Moss and T. Carr (Skip); C. Champelovier, G. Taylor, R. Marks and H. Overy (Skip); R. Leigh, F. A. Fabel, R. Wellwood and A. Spary (Skip).**

**K.F.C.**  
Second Division (v Club de Recreio)—J. Gibson, A. Eastman, R. Hall and P. Youngusband (Skip); W. Groves, R. Hughes, C. Dowman and W. Simpson (Skip); A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, W. Fields and V. Chittenden (Skip).  
**Third Division (v P.O.C.)—C. Fuller, C. Woodcock, S. Wong and B. Evans (Skip); E. Thomson, C. Pile, Y. Abbas and J. Smalley (Skip); G. Ogden, G. Frost, J. Henson and J. Smith (Skip).**

F. V. V. Ribeiro	J. Orem	
F. X. Silva	J. Shepherd	16
(Skip)	(Skip)	
L. J. Silva	G. Perkins	
F. X. Soares	W. J. D. Cameron	16
R. F. Luz	A. E. Carey	
H. A. Alves	E. G. Post	25
(Skip)	(Skip)	
Totals		60

**ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR RECREIO**

Leading by 5 shots when the match was stopped last Saturday, Club de Recreio "B" sustained a sad beating at the hands of Indian Recreation Club when the game was resumed yesterday.

I.R.C. won an all three rinks. Down 13—5 at the 10th head, A. K. Minu scored a five on the 11th head and, after three singles, scored another five at the 16th to eventually win by 23—17.

M. R. Abbas was on level terms with J. E. Noronha at the 10th end at 10—all but at the 16th, was leading 16—11. Abbas finished with a four, a single and a three.

Recreio "B"	I.R.C.
F. Machado	A. H. Rumjahn
C. A. Lopes	S. Yusuf
C. B. Pereira	M. Y. Adal
B. Basto	A. R. Dallah
(Skip)	(Skip)
D. Alves	J. Hoosen
C. C. Basto	A. K. Sumad
A. P. Gutierrez	A. R. Minu
J. J. Basto	A. K. Minu
(Skip)	(Skip)
17	(Skip)
C. C. Pereira	D. M. Khan
A. F. Noronha	K. M. Rumjahn
J. C. Remedios	A. M. Rumjahn
J. E. Noronha	M. R. Abbas
(Skip)	(Skip)
13	(Skip)
Totals	
49	

### LEAGUE MATCHES PLAYED UNDER FOUL CONDITIONS

By "Skip"

THE VAGARIES OF OUR climate and the different speed at which some men play were amply demonstrated on Saturday. In some cases games were completed, though conditions towards the finish were pretty grim, whilst other clubs were able to play only 10 or 11 heads, whilst on one green, two rinks have four heads to play and the third has completed its game.

In the circumstances detailed comment on the unfinished matches would be superfluous.

Present standing of most games is in accordance with form. In First Division, Club de Recreio have not as substantial a lead as I anticipated but they had reached only the half-way stage when "rain drove the players to shelter" as the cricket scribes are wont to say. The result of this match which was completed last evening appears elsewhere in this paper.

Kowloon Dock, on the other hand, have a useful lead against the Civil Servants, contrary to my prediction, and may be able to hold on to it. Kowloon Cricket Club and Club de Recreio have each secured negligible leads against Hong Kong Football Club and the Indians respectively but Kowloon Bowling Green Club surprised by keeping pace with Craigengower down at the Valley.

In Second Division, Craigengower unexpectedly trounced Club de Recreio, who made no sort of showing against the home club, Dr. Rodrigues recent breaker of records, having a sorry time against Alf Lewis.

Talkoo were all over Kowloon Tong who never seemed to get going at all. Hong Kong Cricket Club and Police displayed their Spartan qualities by playing on in the rain in order to finish their match, in which the former were in an impregnable position.

In Third Division, Prison Officers, playing at Stanley, lost on two rinks against Hong Kong Football Club but Bagley's win against Graver carried the day for them, just as Evan's big victory over Rumjahn brought a couple of points to Kowloon Football Club.

### C.C.C.'s Big Win

Craigengower's big win against Club de Recreio was fully merited and it incidentally brought first prizes in the sweep to two members of the Sweep sub-committee who were playing on adjacent rinks! Lewis had the biggest win and his team were far too good for the opposition. P.M.N. Silva, who has playing very well, had quite an off day for Rodrigues, whilst Carvalho, playing in his first League match I believe, was inclined to be heavy, which I admit is a better fault than being short as the shot was nearly always against him. Xavier and Rosario, the home lead and two were very consistent with the result that Alves and Rodrigues were always trying to save, whilst Lock and Lewis could add shots.

Bill Way and O. P. Remedios were neck-and-neck until the last couple of heads when the former secured a five and a three, Rodrigues by the way losing a six at the same time as Way secured his big count.

Eddie Sousa was nine down to McNeill at the close of play and wisely conceded the match to Craigengower; it was manifestly impossible for his side to secure the necessary 37 shots with only nine heads remaining to be played.

### Munro's Rink In Fine Form

Down at Quarry Bay, Talkoo gave a wonderful exhibition of bowling against Kowloon Tong, Munro's rink catching the eye chiefly. Bob Main as lead was

absolutely uncanny in his drawing to the jack. Hillon did exactly as directed, whilst Donald Munro finalised matters, very often drawing beautifully. It hardly seems fair to say that Gibson was the worst of the home four as he also played well.

Dick Keown led Stephens 19/0 and then 24/1 so not much can be written about his rink except perhaps to add that Bovaird as Number Three outshone the other stars.

Jimmy Kew kept up his winning sequence against no less a player than Chalmers, though only scores on the last four ends gave him his seven-shot win, after being 13 down to begin with. A great recovery!

Police commenced strongly against Hong Kong Cricket Club and were as many as 15 to the good after four heads, but they could not stand the pace and gradually petered out to lose by well over 20 shots.

"Jimmy" Wild, promoted from the second team, certainly made good for after being eight to the bad he scored no less than 31 shots to McDonald's five. Once they had settled down all his team played well, Archie Nissim catching the eye as his third man.

Brown won comfortably against Channing but Dai Davies trailed Aitken all the way to lose by four shots.

### Cross's Crosses!

There was an exciting finish to the game at Sookunpoo which Kowloon Football Club won by a single shot, the score being all square when two rinks had finished Henson's rink, however, opposed to Bakar's, to whom they were well down, won the battle for the visitors, on the last head. Frost put down a good one but Cross put down a couple which had to have his name chalked on them (joke!) to lie three shots. Suffad drew a nice second shot which Fuller left there. Bakar failed to alter the lay and Joe Henson having blocked with his first wood, threw the other away, an effort which caused him to fall head over heels in the mud, for it was raining heavily towards the conclusion of the game. But it was Evans' rink which really earned the points as he trounced S. M. Rumjahn severely. Ogden, playing only his second League game, was in great form as lead.

At Stanley, in spite of losing a six early on, "Bill" Bagley was able to beat George Graver by enough shots to carry his team to victory against Hong Kong Football Club. Guy Stephens did well to overcome Jilott after being down 10 shots, whilst Jack Watson won his fourth game in succession at the expense of Tom Pile.

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# ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

SEVERAL important decisions were made at the Annual General Meeting of the Army Football Association last Saturday. One of the more important was that P.S.M. Overy of the Middlesex Regt. was selected to be Manager and Trainer of all the Army Teams.

## Association Football

Another matter that was cleared up was that Army teams should be given more time for training together before the competitive season opens, allowing members of the team to get to know each other's play.

An important decision was also made with regard to the Small Units' League this season, but a Small Unit's Knock-Out Competition will be held, and each team will be allowed to turn out its full strength, i.e. all first and second Division players of the H.K.F.A. Leagues will be permitted to play.

The Rev. S. Hinchliffe is once more running a class to train referees, and has high hopes of adding a few more successful candidates to those he has trained in previous seasons.

The old saying is that the best footballers make the worst referees, and that the best referees are those who at the commencement are ignorant of the rules of football. This usually turns out to be the truth! It is good training, even if one does not wish to give up the playing side of the game, and it is really astonishing how many First Division players give ridiculous answers to the questions asked when they go for their examinations.

**DATES** for the Army Swimming Meeting have not yet been decided on, but it is suggested that the meeting be held early in September. It will probably be held at the new Queen's Road Swimming Baths, Victoria Barracks. It is regretted that the Area mile and half-mile swimming races will not be held this year owing to expense and extra military commitments.

## Swimming

Middlesex Regiment held their Annual Swimming Sports last Monday at the Y.M.C.A. Baths, Kowloon.

Best feat of the afternoon was credited to Lieut. R.W.H. Willoughby, "A" Company, who, in the plunging event, covered 56 feet 9½ inches. "A" Company were the Champions, with "HQ" Company finishing second. The Company finishing second, The 150 yds. Medley Relay, 800 yds. Free-Style Relay and 300 yds. Free-Style Relay were all won by "A" Company; the 400 yds. Free-Style Relay was won by "HQ" Company, and both the above mentioned Companies shared the Diving competition honours.

**Water-polo** have arrived at the new Swimming Baths, the Water-Polo Small Units' League Competition should provide us with some excellent games, especially when the R.A.S.C. side get into action.

**Tennis** IT is proposed to hold the Army Other Ranks Singles and Doubles tournaments on Monday, August 26 at Sookunpoo.

The Army Tennis League "A" Division has once more been able to get under way owing to the break in the weather.

Great activity was observed at Sookunpoo on Monday with the Royal Engineers beating the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., by 6 sets to 3. The 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., beat the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., by 7 sets to 2, the R.A.M.C. beat the R.A.P.C. by 7 sets to 2, and the Seaforths beat the R.A.S.C. by 6 sets to 3.

**Cricket** THIS season in the cricket world we welcome R.A.P.C. into our midst. The R.A.P.C. detachment, though small, can call upon the services of several players who have had experience either in the Colony or at Home, including S.Q.M.S. Taylor, who has turned out regularly for Kowloon Cricket Club for the past two seasons; S/Sgt. Happe, who has a fine record at home, but as yet he has been unable to turn out in the Colony, and Sgt. Murray who on his only appearance contributed

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## LEAGUE TENNIS

# GOOD WIN FOR SOUTH CHINA

South China Athletic Association beat Chinese Recreation Club "B" by six sets to three in "D" Division of the Lawn Tennis League at King's Park yesterday, thus placing themselves in a strong position for the championship.

K. I. Chen and W. H. Mok (South China) beat C. W. Cheng and T. L. Lu 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.  
beat C. W. Chu and C. N. Tsang 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.  
beat Y. Y. Lam and S. Cheung 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.  
C. P. Ip and S. Y. Li (South China) beat Cheng and Lu 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.  
lost to Lam and Cheung 5-7, 6-7.  
K. T. Ng and K. C. Wong (South China) lost to Cheng and Lu 2-6, 6-1.  
beat Chu and Tsang 6-1, 6-1.  
lost to Lam and Cheung 5-7, 6-7.  
C.R.C. "A" v F.C.  
Chinese Recreation Club "A" beat Filipino Club by eight sets to one at Causeway Bay. The latter Club only played two pairs as Gonzales did not turn up.  
T. F. Lo and Choy (C.R.C.) beat A. Banker and L. Souza 6-3, 6-3.  
beat J. Cho and Z. T. Sien 6-3, 6-3.  
T. C. Chiu and W. C. Choy (C.R.C.) beat Banker and Souza 6-2, 6-2.  
beat Cho and Sien 7-5, 6-5.  
S. T. Chan and K. N. Lee (C.R.C.) beat Banker and Souza 6-4, 6-4.  
lost to Cho and Sien 3-6, 6-3.

## League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
S.C.A.A.	6	0	0	0	4	9	12
C.R.C. "A"	4	4	0	0	2	10	8
C.R.C. "B"	5	4	0	1	2	19	10
K.I.T.C.	5	2	0	3	17	27	4
C.C.C.	5	2	0	3	17	24	4
Filipino Club	5	2	0	3	17	24	4
C.C.C.	5	1	0	4	10	29	2
I.R.C.	6	1	0	5	17	37	2
C.B.A.	3	0	0	3	3	20	0



## ARMY TENNIS

Two matches in the Second Division of the Army Tennis League were decided at Sookunpoo yesterday, when 8th R.A. and Royal Engineers overwhelmed the Royal Army Pay Corps and Royal Army Ordnance Corps, respectively.

**R.A. v R.A.P.C.**  
In a Second Division Army Tennis League, 8th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, beat Royal Army Pay Corps by nine sets to nil.

**Pitcher and Parnell (R.A.)**  
beat Reed and Stone 6-0, 6-0.  
beat Norrell and Chalcraft 6-4, 6-4.  
beat Luckhurst and Pendergast 6-4, 6-4.  
Maynard and Bowditch (R.A.) beat Reed and Stone 6-2, 6-2.  
beat Norrell and Chalcraft 6-2, 6-2.  
beat Luckhurst and Pendergast 6-1, 6-1.  
Casey and Stone (R.A.) beat Reed and Stone 6-2, 6-2.  
beat Norrell and Chalcraft 6-4, 6-4.  
beat Luckhurst and Pendergast 6-4, 6-4.

**R.A.O.C. v R.E.**

In another match in the same division, Royal Engineers beat Royal Army Ordnance Corps by 8 sets to one.

S/Sgt. Potters and Sgt. Hardings (R.A.O.C.) lost to Capt. Bird and Capt. Freeman 3-6, 6-3.  
lost to Q.M.S. Rivett and S/Sgt. Quinell 3-6, 6-3.  
lost to Sgt. Spencer and L/Cpl. Shaw 3-6, 6-3.  
S/Sgt. Hunter and Cpl. Adinon (R.A.O.C.) lost to Bird and Freeman 3-6, 6-3.  
lost to Rivett and Quinell 1-6, 6-1.  
lost to Spencer and Shaw 2-6, 6-2.  
Sgt. Pitt and Cpl. Pinder (R.A.O.C.) beat Bird and Freeman 6-4, 6-4.  
lost to Rivett and Quinell 5-7, 6-5.  
lost to Spencer and Shaw 2-6, 6-2.

a lively 40 odd runs and kept wicket remarkably well. If one can judge from one's appearance, more should be heard of this player during the forthcoming season, as well as Cpl. Ingelby who has turned out for Norfolk (Minor Counties) and in his only appearance last season gathered 25 runs in fine style and revealed himself as a bowler of great promise. It has been suggested that the Army Cricket Knock-Out Competition should be held towards the end of the season.

# BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

The old stalwarts, U.S.S. "Tulsa" and Alley Team, were in action against each other on the 8th and some good Ten Pin bowling resulted.

The match resulted in a decided win for the Alley Team by 216 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

ALLEY TEAM	U.S.S. "TULSA"
Total	Total
Doc. Molthen 950	M. O. Gray 819
H. Blount 935	F. Spenko 775
J. H. Watts 777	E. J. Moore 774
A. A. Masscavage 664	Pete Peterson 742
3326	3110

In the unavoidable absence of F. P. Hollis, Mascavage assisted the Alley Team, and Gray, of U.S.S. "Asheville" fame, played instead of A. A. Borg for "Tulsa". Both Molthen and Blount, for the Alley Team, bowled as if inspired.

Molthen's 950 was the top score of the match, his average working out at exactly 190 pins per game. As a result of this good score, he won the two books containing 30 Bowling Tickets awarded by the Management for such an accomplishment.

Blount almost performed this feat, having second highest score, an excellent 935 pins or 187 pins per game. Gray, of "Asheville", made 819, or an average of 164 pins per game, but Watts did not shine as usual, although 777 or an average of 155 is fair enough. There were only three scores of over 800.

Scores of 200 or over were registered by Doc. Molthen—200 on his fourth game and 219 on his fifth game—Cpl. Blount 204 on his fourth game, and M. O. Gray 202 on his fifth game.

On August 9, veteran Ernie Hearther was in action against B. Godkin. This occasion was a Ten Pin match in the fourth round of the Singles Handicap Competition.

Hearther's handicap was plus ten and Godkin's plus 26 so Hearther was conceding 14 pins per game or 43 pins for the three games played. Hearther won quite comfortably by 79 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

E. Hearther (plus 10) 206, 162, 185, Total	553
B. Godkin (plus 26) 156, 141, 130, received 48, Total	475

Hearther's average per game worked out at approximately 185 pins, not up to his usual standard. Godkin's 475 for the three games was fairly good, having regard to the fact that he is not the experienced bowler that his opponent is. His average, including his handicap, worked out at 153 pins.

The Singles Handicap Competition is well towards its final stages. The fourth round being now completed, there only remain the semi-finals and the final.

The semi-finalists are J. S. Landolt, with a handicap of 20, who plays Doc. Molthen, also with a handicap of 20, and Ernie Hearther, with a handicap of 10, who plays G. Birkett of Royal Signals with a 43 handicap. As according to the rules of this Competition there are five games to be played in the semi-finals and final, Hearther will be conceding 33 pins per game or 165 pins for the five games played.

There should be a very tight finish when the games are played off next week. The finalist shall have his name engraved on a silver-encased Ten Pin Ball on view in the Alleys and will also receive an engraved replica, both being presented by the Management of the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys. The runner-up, and the two losing semi-finalists will receive a supply of Clipper Cigarettes very kindly presented by the British-American Tobacco Company and a supply of Schlitz Beer presented by Messrs. L. Rondon Company Limited. There will also be a prize consisting of a supply of Schlitz Beer and Clipper Cigarettes for the highest individual score throughout the Competition.

There was a very interesting and closely-fought five game Ten Pin match played on August 13, between Spenko and his Tulsa line-up and the Argonauts. The Tulsa won by the narrow margin of 87 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

TULSA	ARGONAUTS
Total	Total
F. Spenko 895	J. H. Watts 823
E. J. Moore 808	G. Birkett 779
A. A. Borg 800	S. A. Ismail 778
D. L. Cartwright 429	J. Gracie 710
Pete Peterson 281	
3183	3099

Peterson, unfortunately, could only play two games for the Tulsa and Cartwright very kindly finished the remaining three games for him. Spenko for Tulsa was easily top scorer with 895 pins or an average of 179 pins per game. He was his usual steady self and never seemed to be at a loss when he had several bad splits left for him, several of which he managed to surmount to make spares with his usual "Bang Froid" and coolness. In passing, in this respect, I would like to advise several of the younger bowlers to take a leaf out of his book with regard to coolness.

Watts for Argonauts, as usual, was not far behind for second high score, his 823 being a little better than what he has been doing lately, and his average of 164 went a long way to help his team to keep close to the redoubtable Tulsa team.

Both Moore and Borg bowled well for the Tulsa, the former player making 808 or an average of 161 pins per game, despite starting off badly on his first game to make a lowly 120. Borg's 800 for Tulsa also contributed to the Tulsa's win, his average being 160 pins per game.

Small and Birkett for the Argonauts both put up good substantial scores, bowling steadily throughout the match. The average per player per game for Tulsa worked out at a little over 159 pins per game, while the Argonauts registered a little less than 153 pins per player per game.

But it is a strange fact that although both teams played good bowls there were only two individual scores of 200 or over throughout the match. Spenko for Tulsa registered a good 213 on his second game, and Watts for Argonauts a good 200, also on his second game. It was a very close and tense match. There was quite a good 5-game Duck Pin match played on Wednesday between the Alley Team and Aspirants, which resulted in a very narrow win for the Alley Team by 48 pins.

This narrow margin in a 5-game match shows remarkable evenness between both teams, as the following individual scores will show:—

ALLEY TEAM	ASPIRANTS
Total	Total
H. Blount 553	K. E. Beller 519
J. H. Watts 480	H. B. Wilkins 487
N. Neate 466	G. North 454
G. Birkett 449	J. Gracie 440
1948	1900

Feature of this match was the brilliant and steady bowling of Blount for the Alley Team, and Beller, of the "Tulsa", playing for the Aspirants. Blount was easily top scorer for the match with a good 553 or an average of a little over 110 pins per game, while Beller was second top scorer with 519, which averaged 104 pins per game.

The scoring all-round on both sides left nothing to be desired; it was of a much higher standard than usual and it was a pleasure to witness the progress of the match from game to game. The Alley Team's average worked out at 97.4 pins per player per game, or nearly 100 pins, while the average for the Aspirants worked out at exactly 95 pins per man per game.

There were no fewer than 13 scores of over 100 recorded during the match, and I do not remember this ever having been accomplished in a Duck Pin match previously, and I should imagine, constitutes a record for the Alleys.

The Aspirants bagged eight of them, and the Alley Team recorded the other five, as follows:—For Aspirants: H. B. Wilkins 102, 107 and 103; K. E. Beller 102, 106 and 123; G. North 105 and J. Gracie 104; while for the Alley Team: Neate 112; J. H. Watts 115 and H. Blount 108, 149 and 111.

Blount's 149 was truly a brilliant effort and he now ties R. D. Ayers, of U.S.S. "Tulsa", who also made 149 on August 6, this being the highest Duck Pin score in the Alley for the month up to the time of writing these jottings.

## SPECIAL DAILY PRIZES

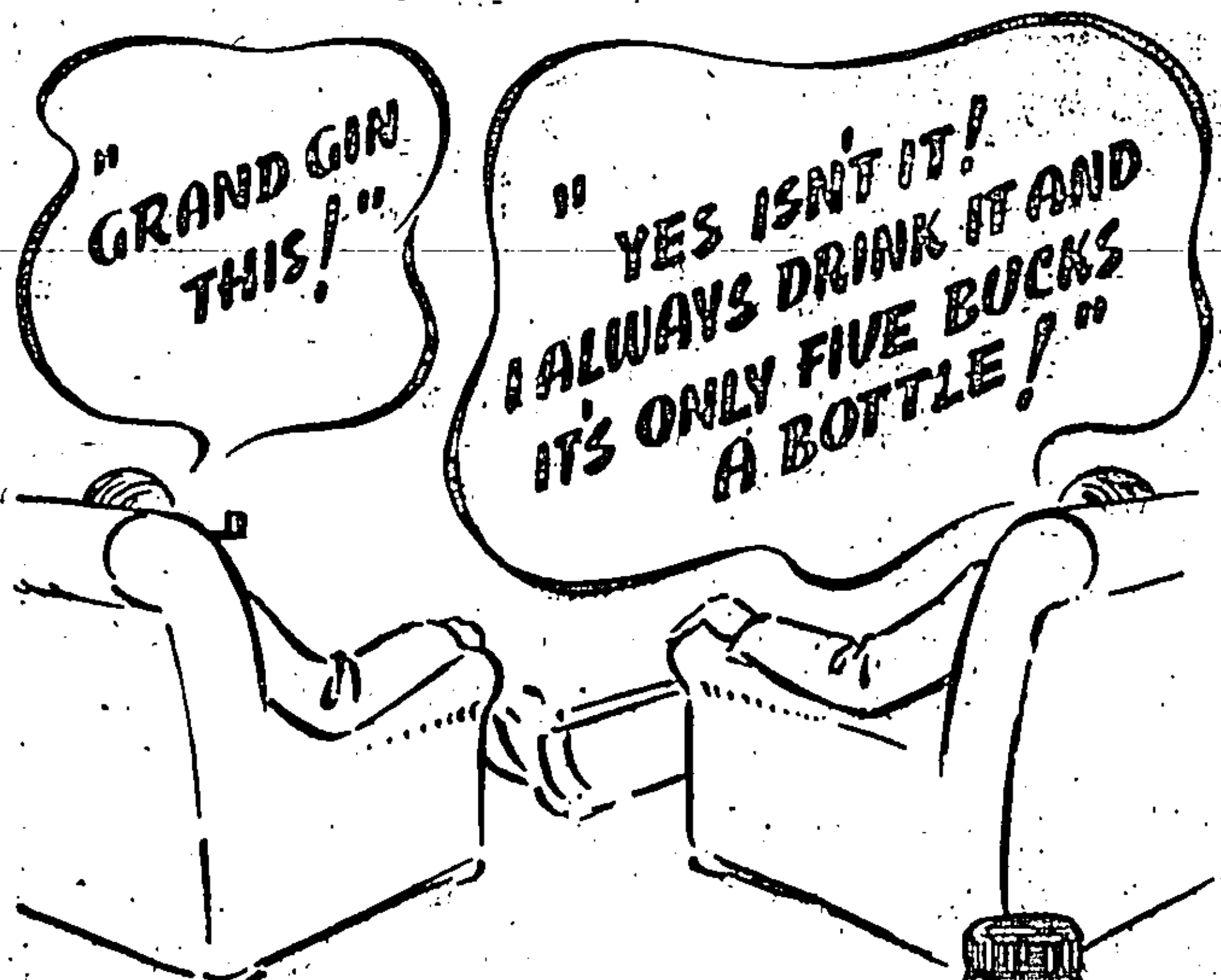
A special daily prize offer commencing on Wednesday August 14, and until further notice has been made by the H.K. Bowling Alleys. The management will award a daily prize of the free games to the player who registers the highest score at Ten Pins between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on week days (Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays excepted.) No person can win this prize more than once a week. The winner's name will be posted daily on the Alley Notice Board, and prizes can be obtained from the manager. The managers decision in all cases will be final.

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# LEARNING TO SWIM Afloat And Under Way With The Crawl Stroke

By Guy Larcom, Jr.

Co-Author With Harold S. Ulen of  
"The Complete Swimmer"

(This is the third of a series of 12 articles which appeared in the "Christian Science Monitor.")

"UNDER THE supervision of the instructor or another good swimmer, the maiden voyage is undertaken. A leap into the water and a few pulls and kicks to get to the surface, and he is under way. Pulling slowly to conserve fuel the newly launched ship moves into new territory—deep water—continues sturdily onward, turns carefully so that the legs will not sink, then heads back to home port, this first voyage a success."

Under normal conditions, the average person is lighter than the water he displaces. He floats, yet not so well that any position can be assumed in the water in the expectation of staying comfortably on top. Man's buoyancy is such that he can perform most versatilely, swimming underwater to depths of ten feet, cruising on the surface, diving into it. His immediate task as a beginning swimmer is to achieve the relaxation and breathing control that enable him to stay restfully on the surface.

Lying on the back in water about a foot and a half deep, the body can be raised by pressing on the bottom with the hands. If the lungs are then filled with air and the hands momentarily lifted, the legs will drift to the bottom but the face and the chest are likely to stay on the surface. This can be tried again, adding a slight pedaling of the legs that, properly executed, may keep them on top with the rest of the body.

Gradually shifting down the gentle slope of the beach, the beginner can repeat this floating gesture until the depth of the water makes it impossible to use the hands for support. The exercise can then be done by squatting in the water, it need be little more than waist deep—and gently lifting the hips to the surface. The chest should be arched skyward, the arms spread to each side. It may be found that the body floats at an angle, the feet sagging downward, but this is natural for most people in motionless floating. It will help if the swimmer learns the trick of keeping his lungs nearly filled with air, taking in and releasing only small quantities at a time.

The most convincing test of buoyancy is to move to waist-deep water and after inhaling, to slide the hands slowly down the legs, bending at the waist. Before he has reached to his ankles, his feet, to the swimmer's pleasant surprise, will have risen from the bottom and he will be afloat.

The transition from still-floating to stroking is now quickly made. The swimmer in water waist-deep can face the shore, extend his arms overhead, and lifting his head slightly so that he is looking at the outstretched hands, bend and push forward in what from now on will be called the glide.

It is from this position that all but the back strokes will begin. Coasting through the water in a first thrilling movement, the swimmer will observe that momentum has enabled him to float easily on top.

Further trials at the glide can be combined with first a leg and then an arm stroke until eventually the swimmer will push off towards a point several yards away, begin the kick that has been so assiduously practiced, follow with the alternate over-arm, tie in his breathing — Or perhaps there was some difficulty in co-ordinating the arm and leg movements, perhaps it has proved impossible to get a breath, perhaps the kicking legs simply submerged to the bottom, in which case, the swimmer begins over again.

Some beginners intending to use the overarm end up with an underwater paddling motion,

## NG NIN AGAIN

Ng Nin, reigning Malayan sprint champion, returned a very good time in the 200 metres at Chung Sing Benevolent Society's gala at Kennedy Town last night when he was clocked at 2.34 2/5.

Following were the results:—  
150 yards open medley relay:—1, Chung Sing (So Tin-mo, Ng Nin, Ng Tsun-man) 1.36; 2, Ching Wing (Yeung Yiu-kwan, Chan Kam-pui, Chan Wing-kai) 1.45 1/5; 3, Eastern (Lui Sek-kwan, Tsui Kam-mun, Sin Lin-lo) 1.46.  
Women's 200 metres:—1, Yu Pul-yuk, 3.51; 2, Lok Sze-ho, 4.00; 3, Tsui Wai-ling, 4.07.  
200 metres:—1, Ng Nin, 2.34 2/5; 2, Ng Tsun-man, 2.53; 3, Fung Kwai-sang.  
50 metres "A" Class:—1, Ng Tsun-man, 20. 1/5; 2, Fung Kwai-sang 30 4/5; 3, So Tin-mo, 31.

### Quadrangular Gala

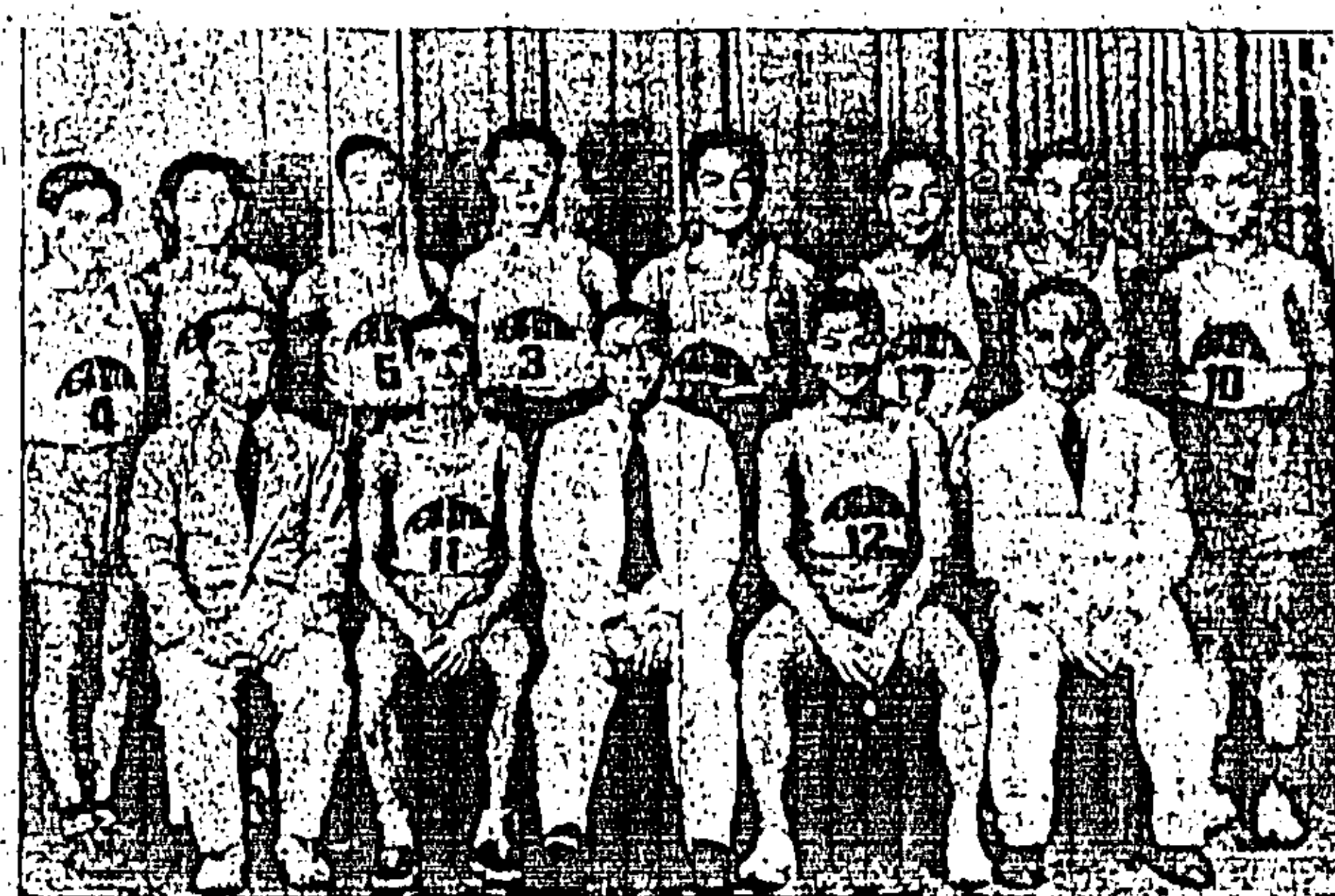
One of the most important inter-club swimming galas of the season, a quadrangular affair between European, Y.M.C.A., Victoria Recreation Club, Lai Tsun and Chung Sing will be held in the European Y.M.C.A. pool on August 24 at 9.15 p.m.

The programme will comprise 12 events and is as follows:—50 yards, 220 yards, 100 yards backstroke, women's 100 yards (open), 440 yards, 100 yards breaststroke, novelty event, diving exhibition, 150 yards medley relay. Women's 200 yards invitation free-style relay, 200 yards free-style relay, water-polo.

Points for individual events will be three, two, one and for team relays, five three, one.

Fifty per cent. of the gate proceeds will be donated to the "S. C. M. Post" fund.

Entries for the women's 100



The St. Paul's College Basketball Team, the runners-up to Pul Ying College in "B" Division of the Colony Chinese Basketball League. Photo shows standing (from left to right):—Yum Shu-man, Chan Wah-chi, Li Ming-hang, Wong Yiu-man, Yum Shui-fai, Liu Kin-fan, Yeung Pul-yat and Yow Yu-fong and (sitting):—Yu Wing-chaun (Adviser), Li Lai-ming (Capt.) Liu Hau-shui (Manager), Chan Wah-kuen (Capt.) and Leung Kit-tong (coach).

## H. K. BOXER BEATEN IN S'HAU

Little Thunderstorm, in a boxing tournament last week, had no trouble in disposing of Kid Friedlander of Hong Kong, securing an easy verdict, after battering the Kid in six rounds.

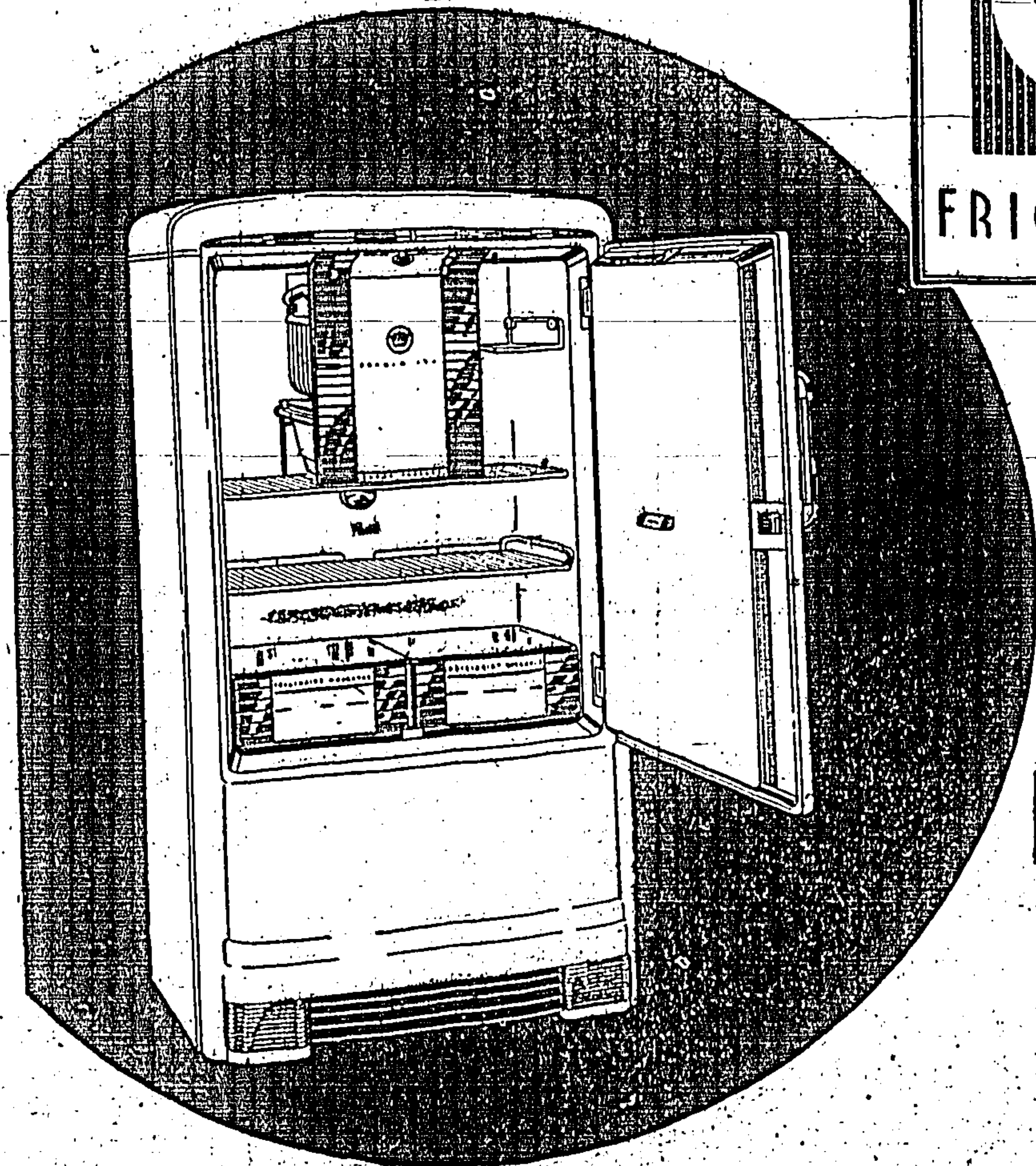
Had Thunderstorm possessed

yards open will close on August 21, and heats, if necessary, will be held from 6.30 p.m. on August 22.

more power in his blow, the Kid would have been carried out of the ring as the wee Chinese cornered him three times in the two final rounds, flooring him with overhand rights.

The Thunderstorm was popular with the crowd who enjoyed his comeback to the ring and cheered his victory. The diminutive flyweight, who held the championship of China in that class, is again in the line for this title, but the lack of suitable opponents seems to hit him rather hard.

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# GREEK CRUISER SUNK

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### FRENCH DIPLOMATIC RESHUFFLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A decree lowering the age limit for foreign service officials was passed by the Petain Government yesterday.

The limit, which was formerly 60, is now 58 for Ministers, 51 for Embassy Counsellors, 50 for Embassy secretaries of the first and second class. For exceptional services the Government may grant a prolongation of these terms for three years.

On the other hand the Government may retire three years prior to the fixed date those functionaries who have not showed special abilities.

The Vichy press says the decree foreshadows an important diplomatic reshuffle affecting over 60 foreign service officials.—Havas.

### RED CROSS SUPPLY BY BURMA ROAD

Replying to Commons questions yesterday whether Government would consider permitting the passage of the necessary petrol for lorries and ambulances to convey medical stores over the Burma road, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the question of facilities for Red Cross work in China, including the provision of petrol, was actively being considered.—Reuter.

### Hit At Anchor While "Dressed" For Festival

ONE MAN WAS KILLED and 29 injured on board and one woman on shore died of wounds and shock when the Greek cruiser Helle, 2,500 tons, was sunk by an unknown submarine as she lay at anchor off an island in the Aegean Sea.

Three torpedoes were fired. Two missed the ship and hit a quay crowded with pilgrims. The third struck her in the engine-room and she sank about an hour later.

The attack was made at about 8.30 a.m. The cruiser was at anchor and was dressed all over as part of the celebrations of the "Feast of the Assumption," one of the most important holidays of the Greek Orthodox Church. Every year pilgrims flock to the island and thousands of sick and paralysed are taken to the festival. Presumably it was a party of these who were on the quay.

General Metaxas, the Greek dictator, immediately summoned correspondents to hear the official account and a strict censorship was imposed.—Reuter.

\*\*\* The Helle was built in the United States in 1912. She was originally built for China but was bought two years later by Greece. Since then, she has been overhauled, modernised and adapted for mine-laying. She carried three 6-inch guns and two torpedo tubes.

### No British Submarine Anywhere Near

Reuter learns authoritatively in London that there was no British submarine near the island of Tinos.

It is known that Italian submarines have been operating in this area.—Reuter.

### METAXAS SEES ITALIAN AMBASSADOR

GENERAL METAXAS, THE GREEK DICTATOR, SPENT MOST OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH HIS CABINET MINISTERS. AFTER A MEETING WITH THE ITALIAN MINISTER TO ATHENS.

Presumably it dealt with the vicious Italian campaign now being conducted in the press and on the radio.

The Italian allegations started with the "murder" of Dauthoggia, which they said was a political killing, and the press is now screaming abuse at Greece for her relations with Britain and for her "oppression" of the Albanians in Greece, who escaped being conquered by the Italians.

As to Dauthoggia, his criminal record has just been released; it paints a different picture to that of the Albanian patriot the Italians have been trying to depict.

He has twice been sentenced to death for abduction, extortion, the possession of illegal arms and brigandage. He had been sentenced to imprisonment five times, including one 20-year sentence for murder.—Reuter.

### DEATH OF MR. CHAN LAI-HEE

THE DEATH OF MR. CHAN LAI-HEE (CHARLES CHUNG LUN), FORMER WELL-KNOWN MERCHANT IN SYDNEY, OCCURRED AT 11.05 A.M. THIS MORNING AT HIS RESIDENCE IN BLUE POOL ROAD. HE WAS 73 YEARS OF AGE.

The late Mr. Chan was born in Tungkoon, near Canton, and went to Australia at an early age.

He soon acquired sufficient capital and started his own business as a warehouse merchant.

He retired several years ago and took up residence in Hong Kong.

Deceased leaves six sons, six daughters and two grandsons to mourn his loss. Mr. Thomas Chan, who is married and has a son, and his brother, Cecil Chan, are at present in Australia. The eldest son, Mr. Stanley Chan, is in Shanghai, and one of the daughters, Miss Phyllis Chan, is in Macao, where she holds the post of secretary to the Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs.

The eldest daughter, Miss Ella Chan and her younger married brother and sister, Mr. Clement Chan and Miss Minnie Chan, are in Hong Kong in charge of the firm of Messrs. Thomas Cowan and Company.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, the cortege leaving Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 3 p.m.

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### GERMAN AIR RAIDS DOUBLED IN FURY

(Continued from Page 1) district, was seen by people living for miles around.

A woman living in a nearby district saw about 30 planes, British and German, in the air at the same time. Passengers on top of a bus had a grandstand view of the air battle.

"As we were going along," writes a Reuter reporter who was on the bus, "we saw two or three dozen planes high up. Suddenly we heard the rattle of machine-guns and anti-aircraft fire."

"Three German machines appeared to be shot down. A group of soldiers cheered each time a raider crashed."

A man who lives near the aerodrome was watching the manoeuvres of nine planes circling high above the airport when "from nowhere a swarm of machines hurtled out of the sky."

"There was a terrific melee followed by a hot anti-aircraft barrage."

### Off Like Hell

"After remaining over the spot only a minute or two the German planes went off like hell with our fighters hot on their heels."

A woman living nearby stated she heard about ten bombs altogether. Fire-brigades and ambulances were called.

When the raiders first appeared, buses were running normally but all stopped.

After about three quarters of an hour nearly 20 ambulances went out in the direction of the aerodrome and returned some time later to Croydon hospital. One bomb is thought to have hit a hangar on the outskirts of the aerodrome.

### Constant Action

There were continuous attacks on south-east coast town and R.A.F. aerodromes, keeping the defenders in constant action.

Watchers on the coast witnessed scores of fierce battles as wave after wave of the raiders approached the coast.

A tornado of bursting shells from anti-aircraft guns met the invaders and as they passed through the barrage, bursts of machine-gun fire could be heard as those running the gauntlet found themselves intercepted by R.A.F. fighters.

### Thrilling Duels

Reuter's correspondent on the south coast describes thrilling duels between Messerschmitts attacking the barrage balloons and the Spitfire avengers.

The first Nazi plane to attack a barrage balloon dived so low that he crossed on his wings were clearly visible from the ground as he blazed away with all his guns.

The balloon caught fire and fell, but as the raider was climbing back into the sky, an anti-aircraft gun got a direct hit on the plane which crashed in flames into the sea while the watchers cheered themselves hoarse.

This was just one of many

### STOP PRESS

It was reported this afternoon that the Fatshan "affair" has been settled in Canton and that the vessel will sail for Hong Kong on Monday morning.

Japanese vessels, it is added, will resume service between Hong Kong and Canton two days later.

An official of Butterfield and Swire, agents for the ship, stated, however, that as far as they knew, the matter has not yet been settled.

Mr. K. Okazaki, Japanese Consul-General, stated this afternoon that he had yet not received information of a settlement. "There were, however, indications recently that the matter would be settled soon," he added. The Nam Tai Company, Chinese agents, said that the departure of the ship from Canton was still uncertain.

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similar incidents repeated with variations throughout the day.

### Gasworks Escape

Twenty bombers which attacked a south-east coast town narrowly missed the gasworks, but hit some houses.

Mingled with the crash of the bombs was heard the rattle of machine-gun fire, while columns of smoke drifted over the roofs of the houses.

At another point, watchers saw four German raiders out of a formation of nearly a hundred brought down, three after dog-fights with British fighters and the fourth by A.A. fire.

All four fell into the sea.—Reuter.



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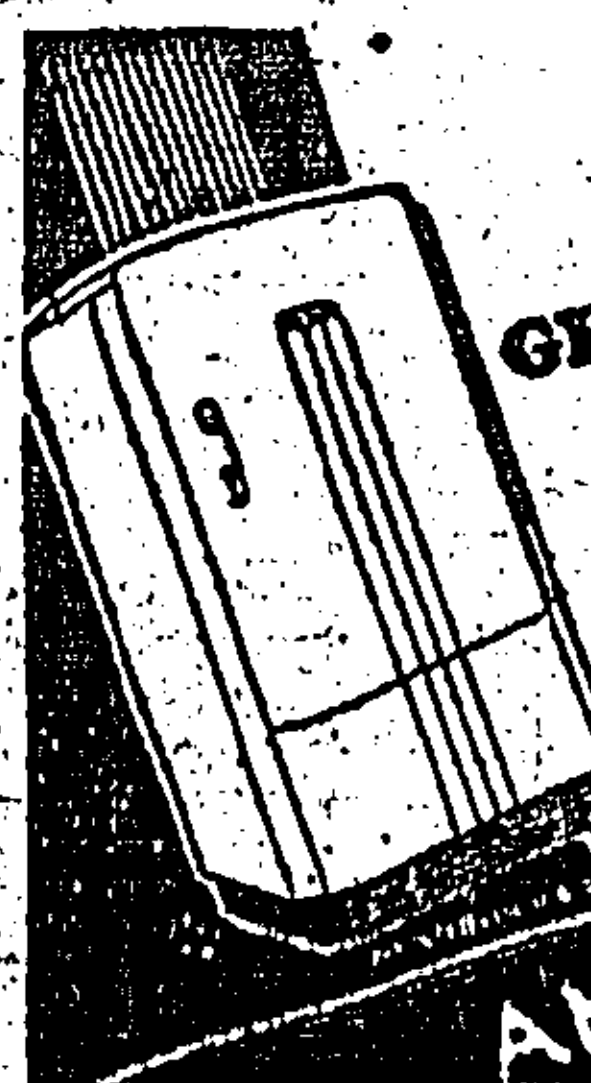
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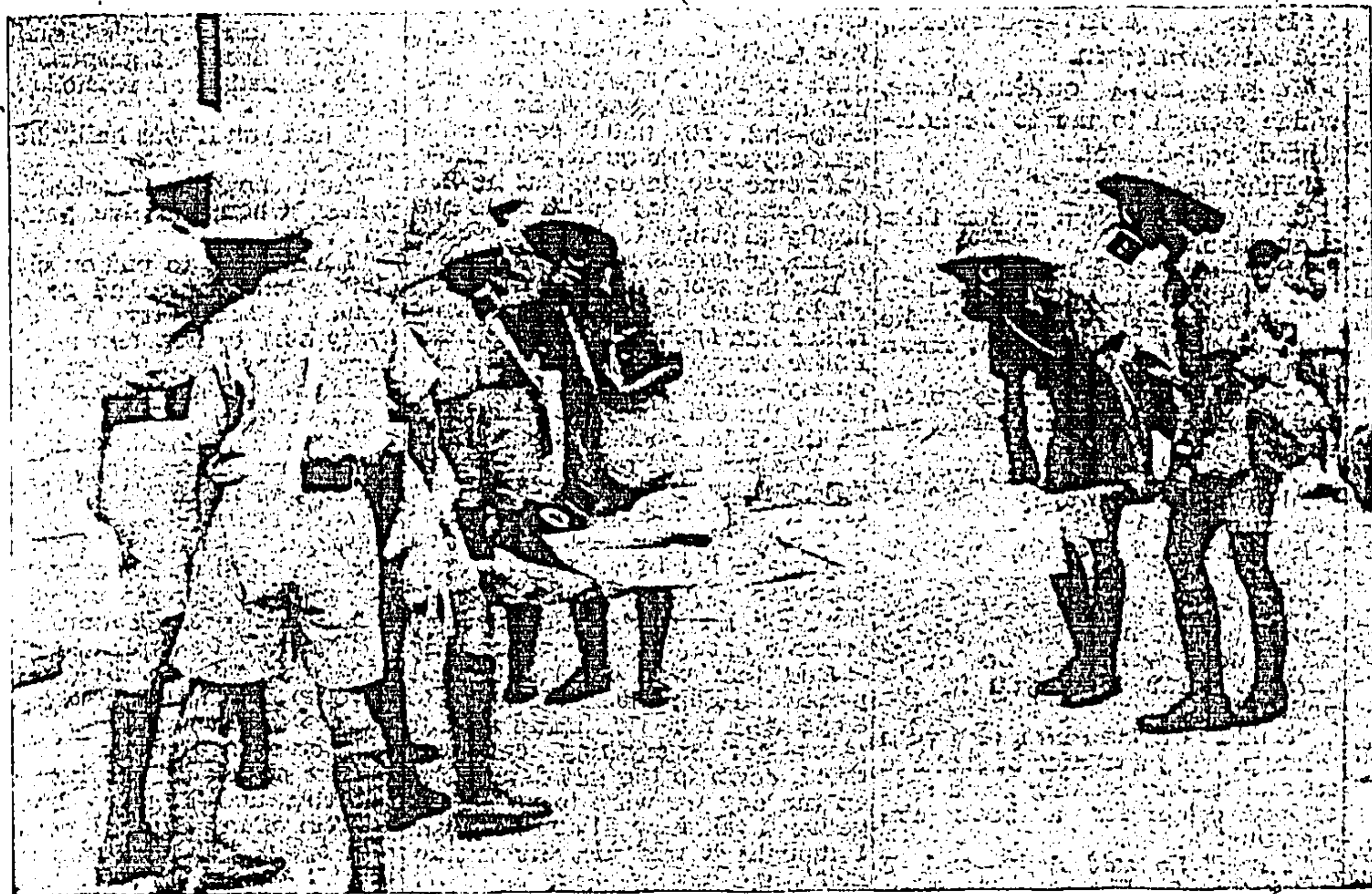
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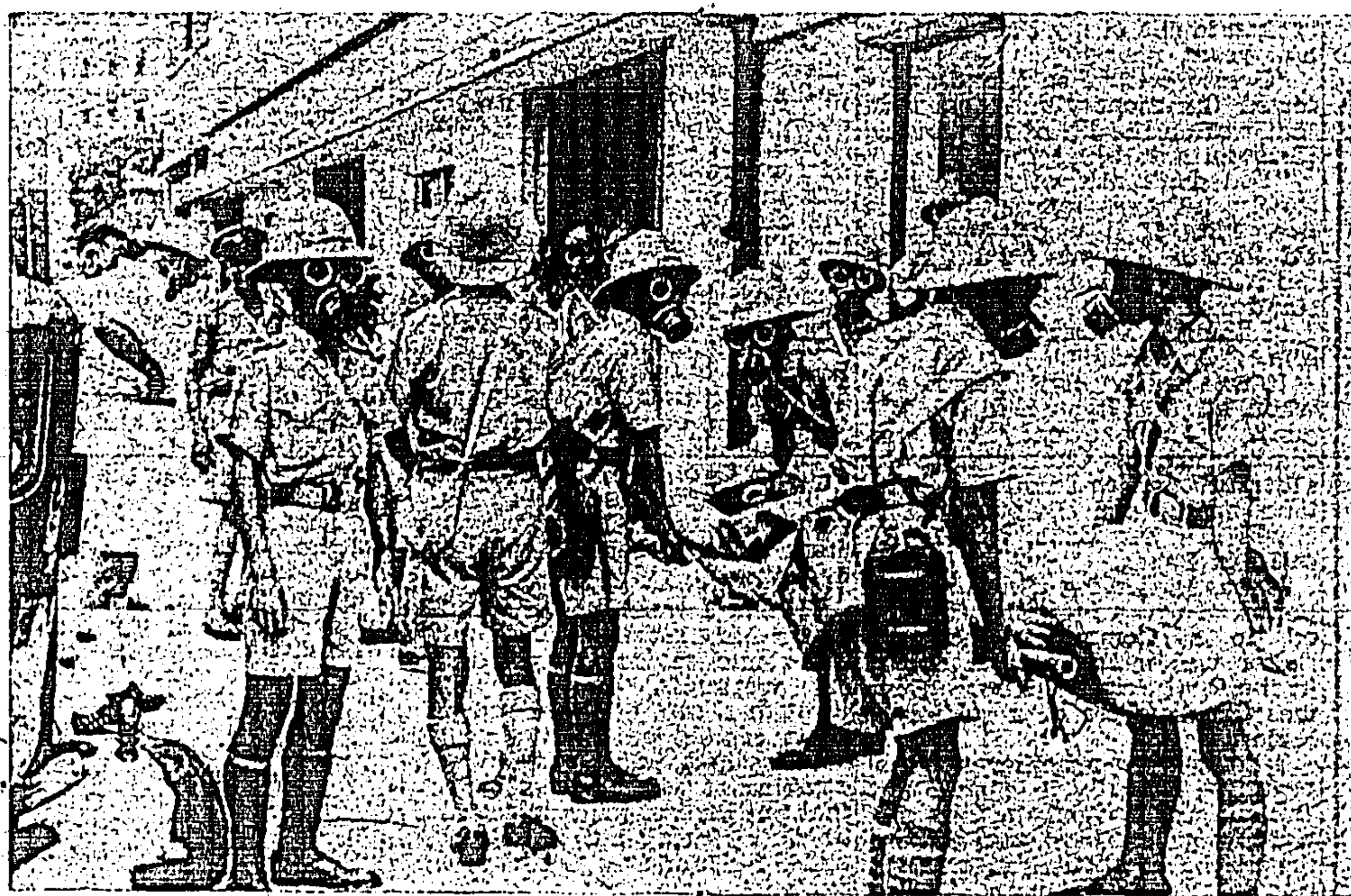
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## St. John Ambulance Brigade Engage In Exercises



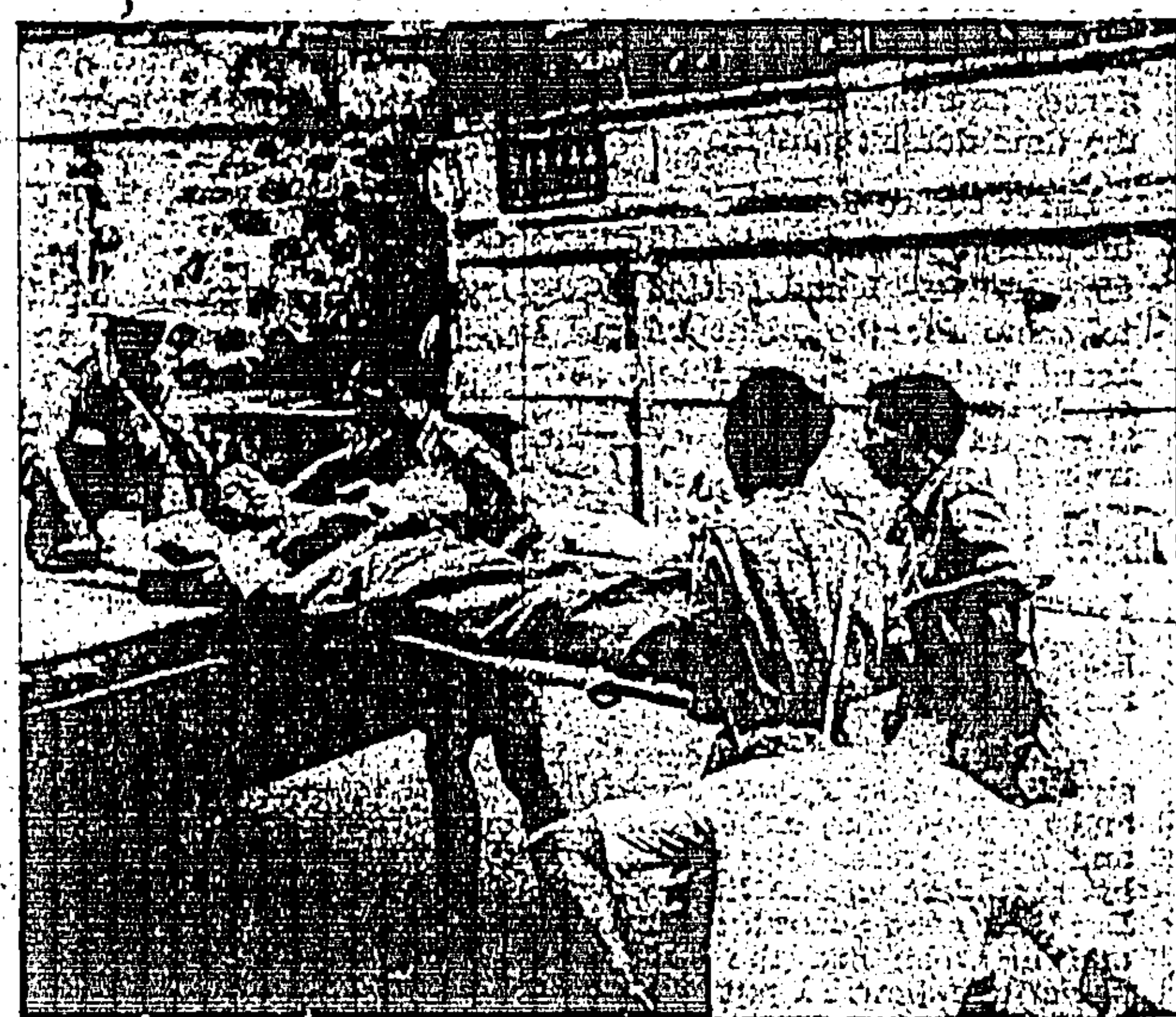
Mobilised members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade engaged in full-dress exercises during the week. Even the "injured" patients were equipped with gas-masks. Photo shows a stretcher party, with "casualty," about to move off.



Bringing the "injured" into a casualty clearing station. Photo taken during the St. John Ambulance Brigade exercise. The trainees, who have been mobilised for intensified courses, worked for long periods in gas-masks.



The swimming pool of the new pleasure resort, The Ritz, which is to open at North Point in the very near future.



In an emergency, many types of vehicle would be brought into use as ambulances. The St. John Ambulance Brigade had their first experience of impromptu conveyances during their exercises this week.

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## SHORT STORY

## INDIAN MIRAGE

By  
Princess Paul Troubetzkoy

Not long ago, at the London home of an old friend, I ran into an acquaintance of my Indian days. He told me a strange story of a husband and wife—the type of story that only India can produce. Here it is:

I encountered Chalmers last year, when I was up in the hills of Afghanistan, not a hundred miles from the Khyber Pass, said my friend. I am in the intelligence, and the job I was on at the time doesn't matter.

Let it suffice then that I was in the hills, and that I was disguised as a native. I had settled down to camp for the night when I heard footsteps approaching. My ear is keen, and the rocky ground is a good carrier of sound to the trained ear.

The person approaching was taking no pains to disguise his progress, so I gathered it could hardly be a foe. Still, one never knows up in those hills, and I was ready for anything.

When the stranger came in sight I saw that he was an Afridi, and no youngster, either. His hair and beard were quite white, and his shoulders were a little bowed. But they were powerful shoulders, and the man had the look of a powerful fellow. I put him down immediately as a man who had been badly bent, but not broken, by some great sorrow. Later I congratulated myself on my insight.

I greeted him in his own language, and he replied with a suggestion of warmth that told me

he was glad of company other than his own. He said he was just thinking of camping for the night, and I asked him if he cared to share my fire. I had a motive in this, for I thought I might possibly obtain some information.

We pooled our rations, and made a good meal. While we ate, we talked in a casual, desultory sort of manner, but already a germ of suspicion had formed in my mind, and as we talked it grew, until I was almost as certain of it as I was of my own identity.

And it was a matter of identity, too! I was almost certain that this old Afridi was not an Afridi at all, but a white man, and an Englishman at that!

I thought it over. If he were a white man, what was his game? If an Englishman, he would probably be a friend—but if belonging to some other European nation, he might well be the reverse. It seemed to me essential that I should make sure which he was, but I could see no way of doing that without giving myself away. And that might be very dangerous.

However, as there was no other way, I decided to take a chance—one has to do that sometimes.

So I waited my opportunity, then rose and turned away from the fire, with a muttered excuse in Afridi. Then I pretended to slip on a stone, twist my ankle, and stumbled heavily against him.

As I did so, and while he was still surprised and shaken, I said, quickly:

"Oh, I say! I beg your pardon."

Then he seemed to bite off his words, and sat there staring up at me, while I stared down at him. Then he laughed:

"Well, I'm damned!" said he. "So there are two of us!"

"It looks like it!" I answered, and sat down again.

He gave me a quick glance, which seemed to me to be half-scared, half-defiant.

"That was a trick?"

It was an assertion, rather than a question.

"You—suspected me?"

"Frankly, yes!" I told him.

"My name is Chalmers!" he said, quickly. "Does that mean anything to you at all?"

Again his intonation was queer, and I seemed to detect fear in his voice.

"Not a thing!" I answered. "I'm afraid I've never heard of you in my life!"

He laughed again, without mirth.

"I was afraid you might have done!" he told me. Then he asked: "I don't want to be over-curious. But are you in the police?"

"No!" I answered him, also with a laugh. "As a matter of fact I'm an author—out looking for a spot of local colour for a book I'm planning!"

"I see!" he said drily—and I knew that he did see. He went on: "I expect that means intelligence, but it's no business of mine, thank God! All the same, I'm glad I've met you. To begin with, it's like heaven to hear an English voice again—I have not spoken to one of my own kind for five years, nearly!"

"Great Scott!" I said, and swallowed the monosyllabic question that was on the tip of my tongue. He seemed to sense that.

"You don't ask why," he said slowly, his eyes staring into the fire. "But if it won't bore you, I'd like to tell you. I'd like to get it off my mind, if you understand me?"

"I think I understand!" I told him. "Go ahead!"

It was nearly five years ago when all this happened (he began). I have already told you that my name is Chalmers. To the other two parties I will give fictitious names—for obvious reason. I will call her Edna, and I will call him Baker.

It was Darjeeling where it happened. I was a journalist, attached to a Commercial Agency. Baker was a fairly high official in the Civil Service there. Edna was the daughter of a soldier—a Major.

I don't know whether she was beautiful. Actually, I suppose not. But she was certainly a very fascinating girl. There was a wonderful charm about her, and she certainly fascinated me. That, I suppose, is the only excuse I can offer for what happened.

It's all a very old, old story, I suppose, really—but it was all very new to me, then. I met Edna at a dance, and our steps fitted just as though we'd been made for each other. She was a dancing enthusiast—what they call a "fan" in these days, I believe. I had never been really fond of dancing—until I met her. Then I became as big a fan as she was! Baker was another dancing fan, and I heard him say one night that her step fitted his just as though they were two parts of a jig-saw puzzle. From that moment I hated Baker with a very bitter hatred indeed!

However, I won—or I seemed to. There came a night when we sat out in a garden under the moon, and all the air was scented with a thousand perfumes, and I told her that I loved her. And she admitted that she loved me.

For a fortnight we kept our secret, and were gloriously happy. But then I got impatient. I wanted things to be on a proper footing. I wanted to be officially engaged, so that all the world (and Baker in particular) should know that Edna was my property, and nobody else's.

I wanted to talk to her father, but she wouldn't hear of it. I know that mostly the world doesn't bother, in such circumstances, about talking to fathers—but we're a bit old-fashioned out here, and Edna had been brought up in the old-fashioned way.

All the same, Edna wouldn't let me speak to her father. Seemed nervous about it, and said it would come better from her. She could manage him better, she said.

At last I persuaded her to tackle the old man, and I'll admit that I didn't sleep much that night. We were to meet the next evening, Edna and I.

As soon as I saw her face I knew things had gone wrong. It was quite clear to me that she'd been crying. She told me that her father had gone right off the deep-end. He hated commercial men anyway (its queer, you know, but some people do!) and he had gone on to point out that I had hardly a penny to bless myself—which, unfortunately, was true.

But the worst of it all was that, while I had been keeping mum, Baker had spoken to the old man. Baker was well off, and of good family—and, to make a long story short, the old man was determined that Edna should marry him!

"You can take a horse to water, but you can't make him drink!" I told Edna, comfortingly.

"No," she answered. "But you can make his life a misery until he does!"

"Yes!" I agreed. "Unless he's sensible enough to run away..."

And that was our solution. I persuaded Edna at last to agree to elope with me. We made all our plans—got everything cut and dried, down to the last detail. But on the day we were to go off together I felt very ill and feverish. I thought it was just the excitement, and kept going until it was time to go and meet her. And a hundred yards away from my own place I just collapsed in the street, and was taken off to hospital. It proved to be typhoid, and poor little Edna waited in vain for me that night.

Of course, when I came to, and knew what had happened, I was in the devil of a state! I wrote to Edna as soon as I could hold a pencil, but I got no reply. I asked for news of her, but all they told me was that she was still in the district. Plainly, I would have to go and see her, as soon as I could crawl. I guessed somebody might have stopped that letter—in fact I was sure of it!

Out at last, and off to see Edna. Ready to beard her father in his den, for all that I was just a mass of skin and bone, staggering along with the aid of a stick.

When I got to the house I found it in an uproar—and I soon learned the reason. At that very moment Edna was being married—to Baker.

I think I want mad then! I've just a hazy recollection of hurrying round to the church despite my weakness, and of seeing, through a sort of blood-red mist, Edna coming out on the arm of her husband. And he had a self-complacent smile on his fat face that put the last touch to my madness. I stepped out of the crowd and I hit him over the head with my stick—two smashing blows, and it was a heavy stick, too!

Then, in a flash, sanity came back to me. Instinctively I bent over him. He never moved. I felt for his heart, and couldn't feel it. And then I knew that I was a murderer!

I felt an iron grip on my arm, and then a voice said:

"You damned scoundrel! But we can't have this scandal—you must get out while you're safe! Come along with me..."

It was her father. He dragged me through the crowd as though I was his prisoner, and nobody tried to stop us. Then he called a gharry, and pushed me into it, and then I collapsed.

When I knew anything again I was in an up-country bungalow, with a couple of natives looking after me. I was very ill for some time. When I got better one of the servants gave me a letter and some money. The letter told me to make myself scarce as soon as I was well enough—and if I wanted more money to call on him (Edna's father) for it, but never to come near them again. The one thing the man seemed scared of was scandal.

He needn't have worried. As soon as I could walk I cleared out—and without his money, either. Well, I had had plenty of time to think things out, and I realised that I was a murderer. I would have given myself up to the police, but that, I realised, would only make things worse for Edna. So I tried myself, and sentenced myself—to five years in Hell!

Queer you should have said you were an author, after local colour. In my holidays I had done just that, wandering about disguised as a native to collect local colour for a book I intended to write, and I had learned some of the languages.

"How old are you?" I asked him.

He smiled a twisted smile.

"How old would you think?"

"Well, about..." I tried to be kind to him. "fifty?"

"I was thirty-one last month!"

"Great Scott!" I gasped.

He smiled that twisted smile again.

"I told you it was hell!" he said, quietly.

"And now?" I asked. "Or, rather, when the five years are up..."

"I am going to put on civilised clothes once more and go to find Edna. I shall try to explain everything to her, and ask her if there is any hope for me."

"If she has not married again!"

I suggested.

"Yes," he agreed, quietly. "If she has not married again!"

Edna, as it turned out, had not married again.

Before we parted, after that strange meeting, he asked me if he might look me up when he came back to civilisation.

"You see," he explained, "I have been dead now for five years! I have no friends left, and it would be nice to have just one fellow to talk, or even to write to."

That struck me as being very pathetic, and I gave him the address of my club. I never saw him again, but about six months later I picked up a letter there. It had been waiting for me for a month, and it was from John Chalmers. In it said:

"I have just seen her. She looks older—some of her beauty has faded. And no wonder... I saw her walking beside one of those long, invalid carriage things. A native servant was pushing it, and inside lay stretched the form of the man I have called Baker. She never saw me, she was bending over him to speak as they passed. But I saw—and now I know what I have done!"

"I thought I was merely a murderer and never thought it could be worse than that. But it is! For I have condemned them both—the man I hated to the living death of being helplessly dependent upon others, and the woman I loved to be tied to a log she does not love for the rest of her—or his—life."

"This is—it must be—the end for me. I can no longer bear the guilt that is mine—even the thought of what I have done. This letter to you is my last contact with civilised people. And now I am going to ask you, if you will, to do one thing for me. At the bottom of this sheet I have written Edna's real name. She is living in Bombay—it will be easy enough to find her there. Will you go to her, tell her all that I have told you, and beg her forgiveness for me. This is the last request of

John Chalmers."

It all seemed very tragic to me, not knowing that I didn't know half the tragedy—or perhaps I should say the irony—of it.

At the first opportunity I went to Bombay, where I had a friend—an old school-friend who was now a very clever doctor practising there. I went straight to him, thinking he would likely know Edna's address. He did!

"Queer you should come to me," he said, in answer to my query. "I know them quite well—in fact, I am in charge of his case."

"A bad business, eh?"

"Bad enough—but it might have been a lot worse! In fact, in a way, it's been a blessing in disguise."

"Indeed? How was that?" I asked, curiously.

"Well, between ourselves, they weren't very happy together at first, but now, since his trouble, they seem to have drawn together in the most wonderful manner—and to-day they're as devoted a couple as you could wish to meet. When he recovers..."

"Good Lord!" I exclaimed. "Do you really mean he is going to recover—after all these years..."

"He looked at me in surprise."

"Years..." What are you talking about? It's only six months since that car hit him as he was crossing a road. And in another six he'll be playing tennis again with the best of them."

I had a queer notion that, somewhere or other, Fate was laughing...

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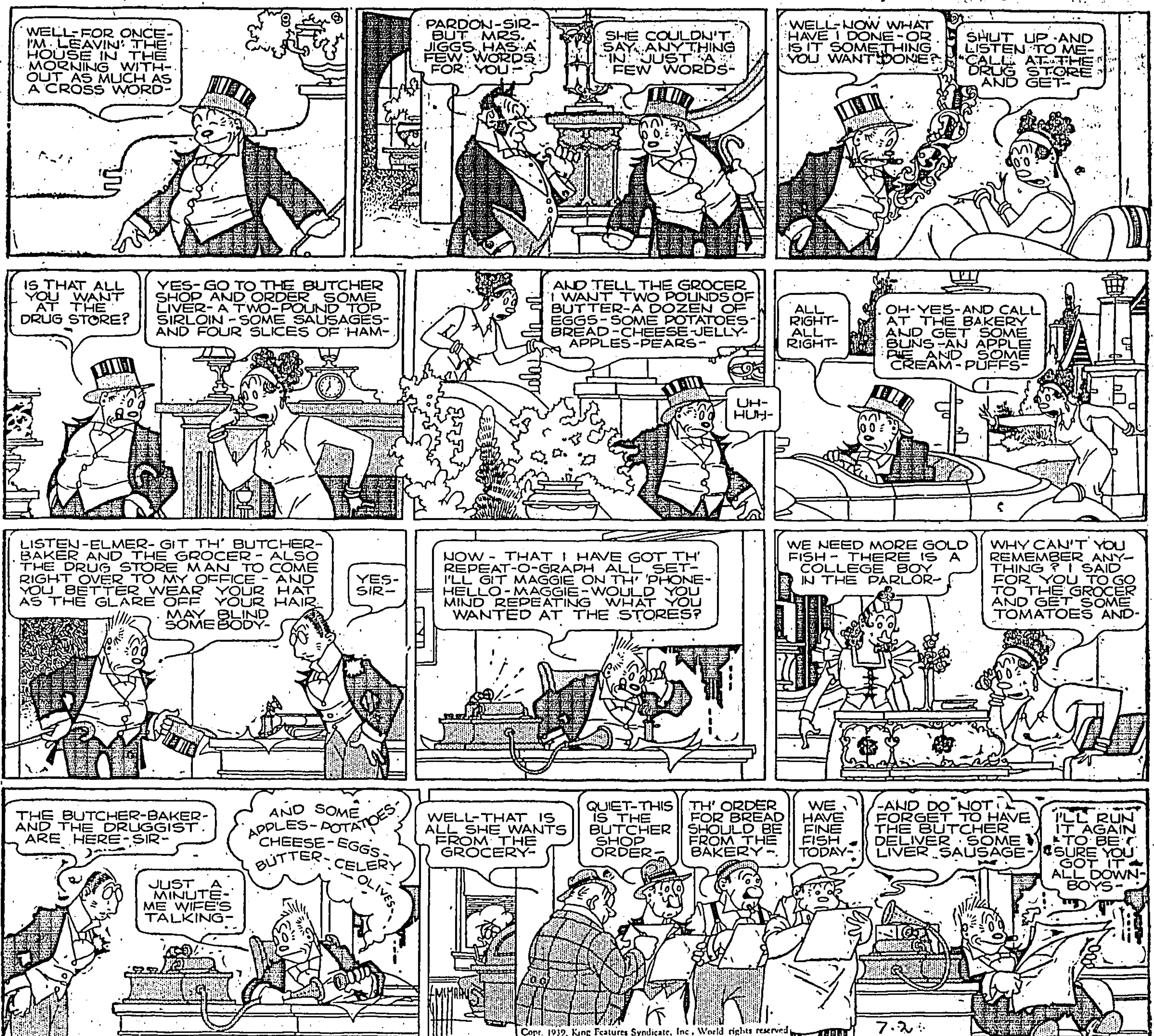


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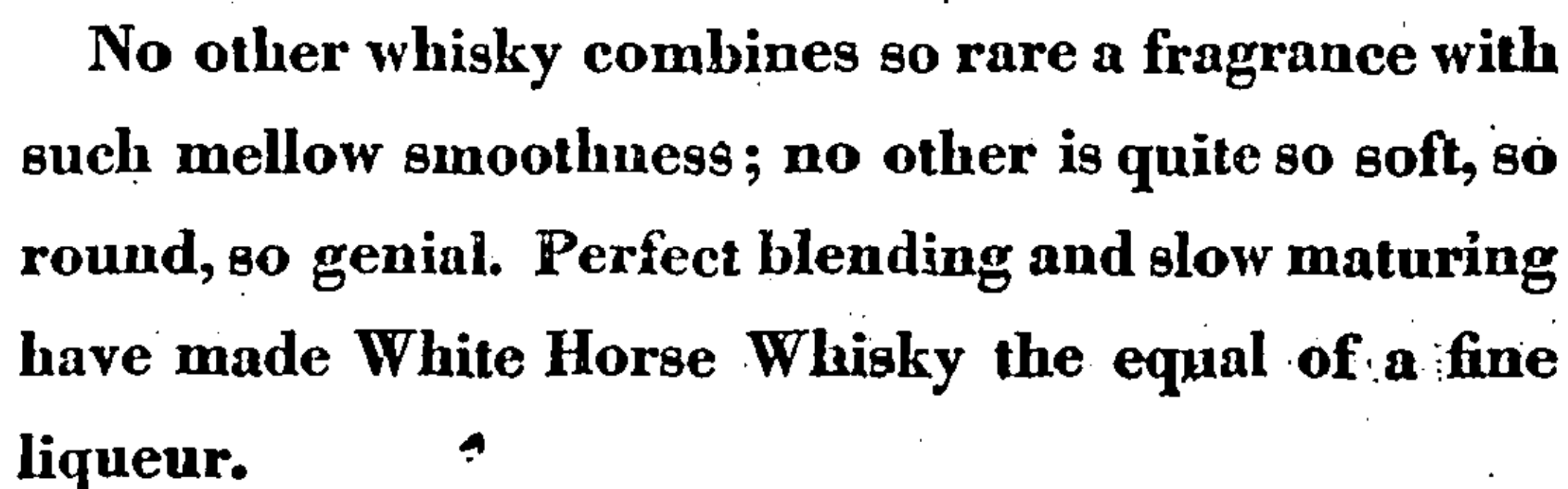
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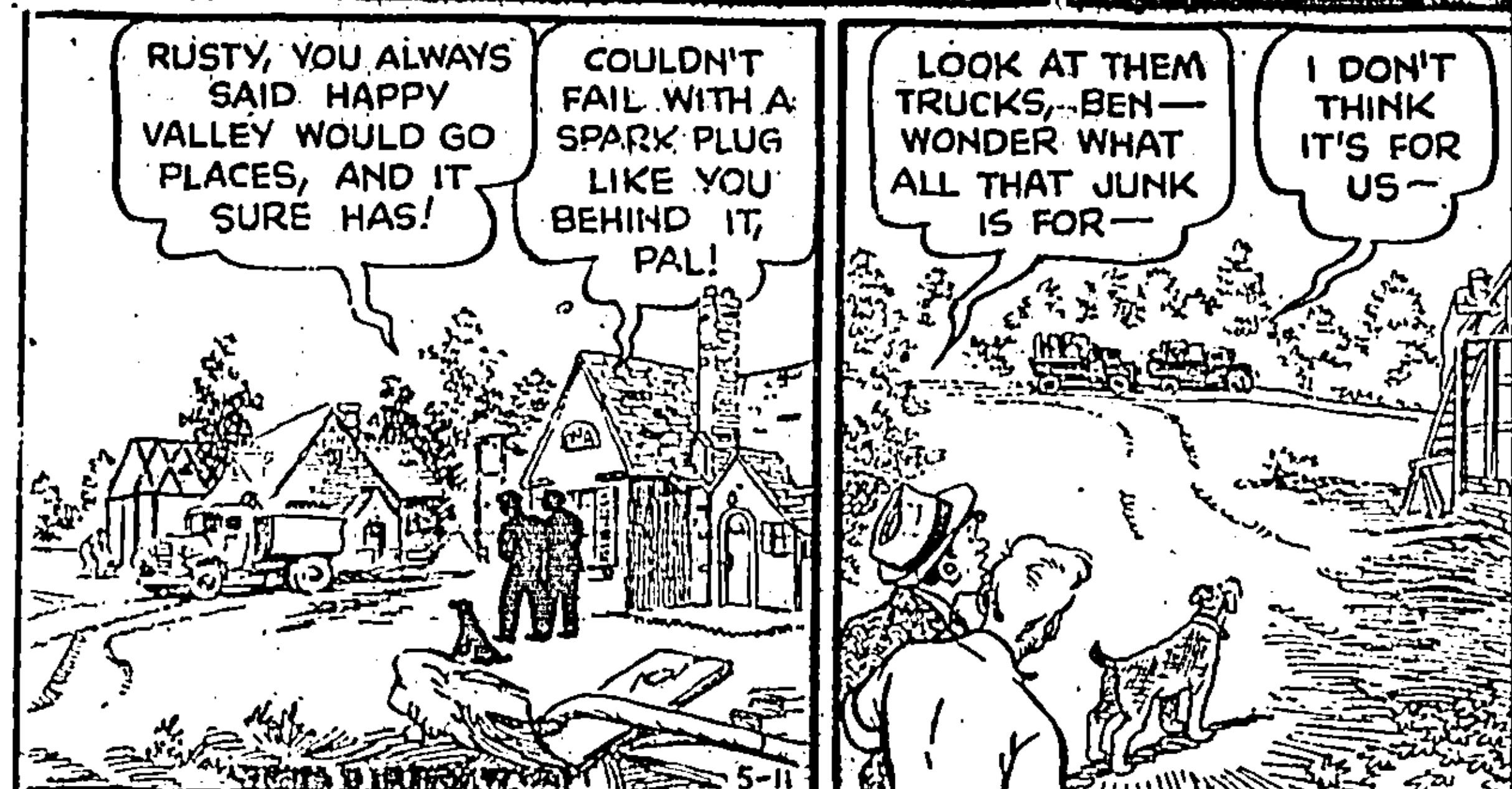
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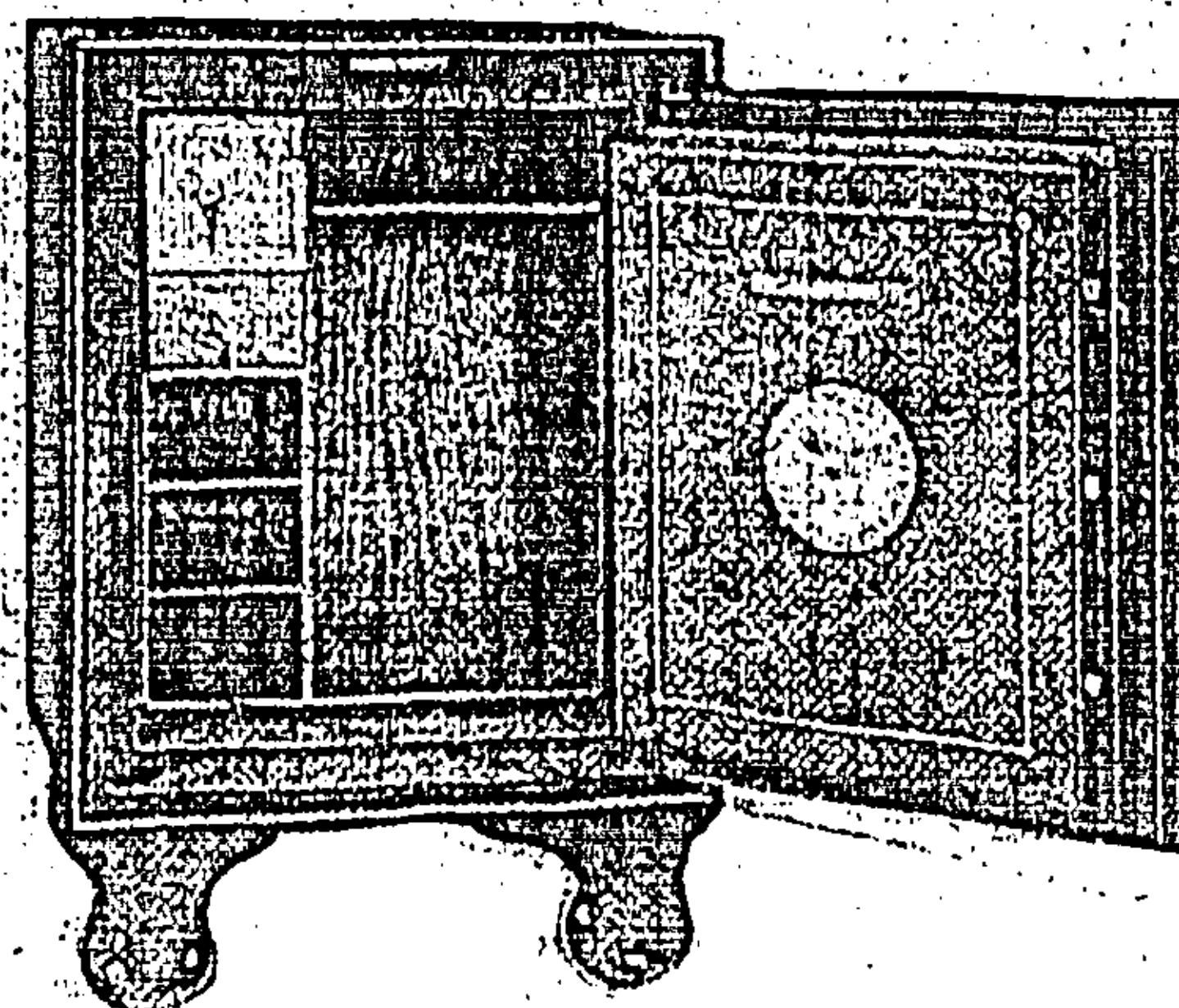
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If you are trying to make up your mind what constitutes a real friend, as compared to a casual acquaintance, I can tell you a way to make quite certain.

Play a game that I was taught many years ago by a very wise old lady, who, when I was starting out on my career, told me never to forget that: "Everybody needs a friend—more than a wife or a husband; more than money; more than health; more than anything in this world of ours."

I believe she was right, and this was the game she taught me to play once a year:

Pretend that you have been sent to prison; it does not matter what your crime, but, whether through your own fault or someone else's crooked dealing, you find yourself shut away from the world, with the star of your destiny temporarily hidden behind the blackest cloud of night.

And then the day comes when you are released from that prison and slowly, nervously you pass through the prison gates. Would you find yourself alone at that moment?

## Are You Certain?

Or are you certain, quite, quite certain, that there would be a friend waiting to take your hand in theirs, to comfort you, to encourage you, to believe in your future, and to forget the past?

Well, I am waiting for your answer. It's a pretty deep question, I know. And let me tell you this: If you can be positive in your heart and in your mind that you know at least three people in this world who would stand by you under any circumstances, then

you are indeed blessed, and you should give thanks, every day of your life, for your good fortune.

Even if there are not three on whom you could rely, whatever your failing, whatever your misfortune—if there is only one, then, in my own humble opinion, I still consider that you are more fortunate, infinitely more fortunate, than thousands of men and women who pass through this world of ours without ever reaching sure anchorage, where friendship is concerned.

What constitutes a good friend? For obviously, to be able to boast of possessing a host of friends, you must first be a good friend. Would you like to know how I have worked it out, in my own creed of living?

Long ago, I realised that the world is divided into two classes of people—the givers and the takers. A good friend is a giver. A bad friend is a taker.

## Lonely Figure

Once I went to watch a rehearsal when that greatest of all conductors, Toscanini, was putting a famous London orchestra through its paces. It was the first time that he had conducted it—the first rehearsal of all.

I can see him now, that short figure with that leonine head and mass of white hair, walking slowly down the gangway between the deserted seats which a few nights later would be filled with a madly applauding audience.

He seemed a very lonely figure to me at that moment before he raised his baton. And then he spoke, one short sentence, and yet the exhortation within those few words was like the playing of all Beethoven's symphonies rolled into one. This is what he said to the men gathered there beneath his baton:

"Give all you are."

And they gave it. In their music they put not only all their physical energy, but all their spiritual knowledge, too; their experience garnered over a lifetime, all their dreams, all their positive affirmations.

If you are going to be happy in your lonely journey through life

—for by his very nature man is a lonely creature, ever seeking the stars, with his feet gripped by the prosaic clay of earth—you must give "all you are" when you seek to break down the barriers of reserve and suspicion that separate all human beings one from another.

Many times it will happen that you will give your affection, your encouragement, your most intimate confidences, to someone who will pretend for a time to be equally fond of you and equally glad of your company.

Then, when a newcomer turns up on the scene, with perhaps more to give in material ways than yourself, will blow cold and become expert in evasions.

But do not be bitter when that happens, or refuse to open your heart again. There are so many unhappy people in this world in desperate need of a friend, a staunch comrade, to share their every thought and anxiety. Just on the other side of the fence another lonely soul is waiting, longing to grasp your hand if only you do not raise such self-conscious, suspicious barriers every time a stranger tries to get on friendly terms with you.

Never forget that, no matter how lonely you are, how poor in this world's goods, how battered by the tide of circumstance, you hardly have to cross the street before you come face to face, if you did but know it, with someone who is even lonelier, even poorer,

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even more buffeted, than yourself. Once you accept that salient truth, you should never be without a friend again.

## A Short Cut

A short cut to friendship is to go in search of people with the same interests as your own. For instance, I have friends with whom I play tennis in the summer, and friends with whom I go to the movies in the winter.

They are not necessarily the same friends.

Women especially make the mistake of running a friendship to death in the same way as they will get a passion for a certain colour for clothes or a certain brand of sweets.

You cannot rush a friendship. Its roots have to grow deeply and gradually, and you have to be very careful that the plant is watered by your generosity and planted in the right soil.

By that, I mean it is not fair to expect a friend with whom you became intimate while on holiday at the seaside to be equally amen-

able and "cosy" when you meet again in a city teashop. Lots of us make friends in one environment and then feel that we have been betrayed when the friendship does not transplant.

All the same, for a friendship to last a lifetime it is not necessarily essential that both people should have completely similar tastes and live against twin backgrounds.

On the contrary, opposites very often strike the deepest communion of all. But, however opposite two people may seem on the surface, you will nearly always discover, if you trouble to analyse that comradeship more closely, that they do possess one great thing in common. It may be a similar sense of humour or a similar dislike of dictators!

## Platonic Friends

Finally, one last piece of advice. Get out of your head, once and for all, that men and women cannot be friends; good friends; platonic friends. I have a positive proof that they can.

One of my greatest friends is a girl called Pamela Frankau, who

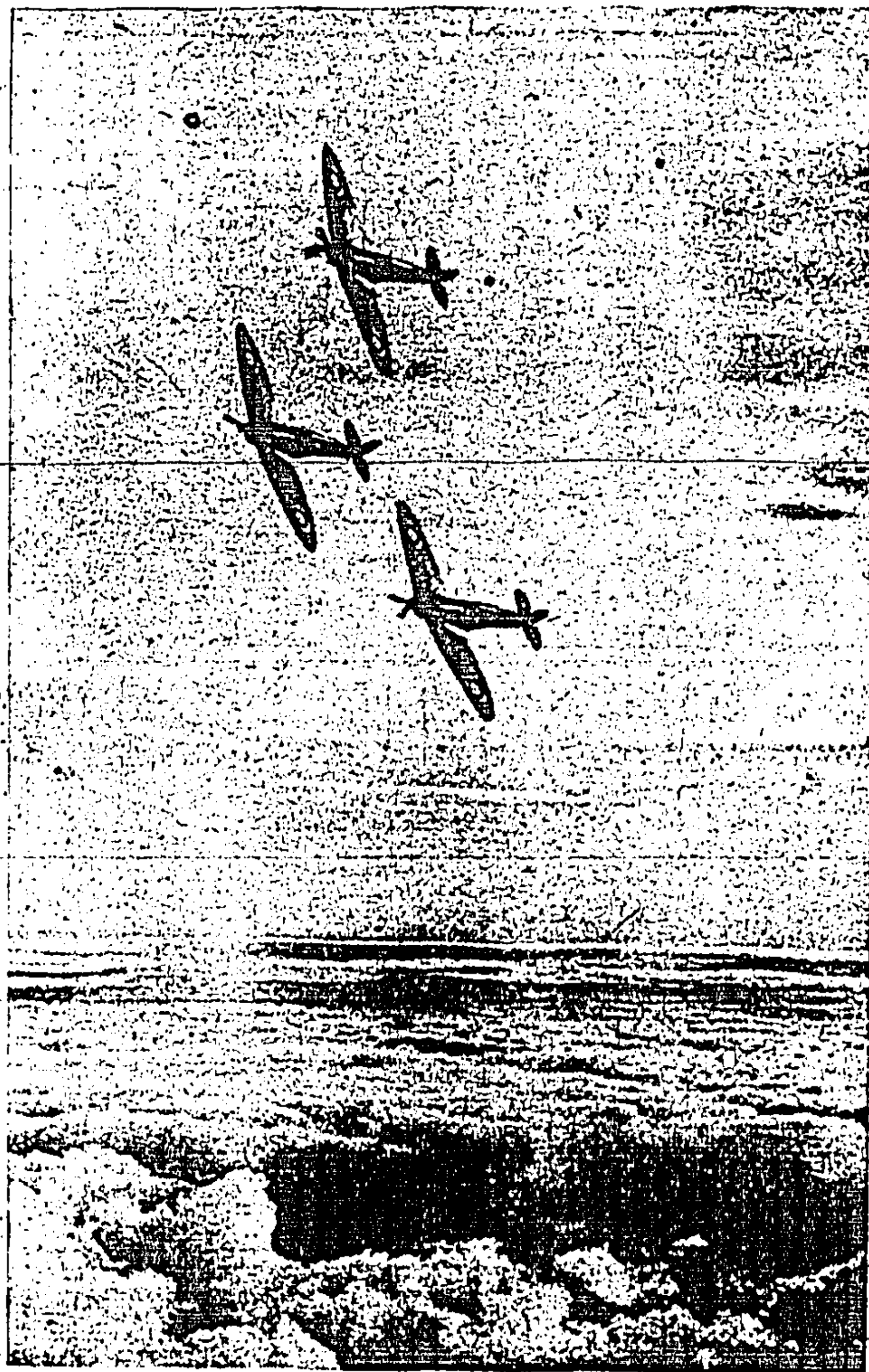
is a writer by profession, like myself. Our friendship is on a complete basis of equality. Sometimes she lunches with me, next time I lunch with her.

The roots of our friendship were implanted through doing a job of work together some years ago, but they have spread and taken the strength of an oak tree, because we accept each other as two moderately intelligent human beings, who both think it is very exciting to be alive, and like swapping our impressions of the passing pageant.

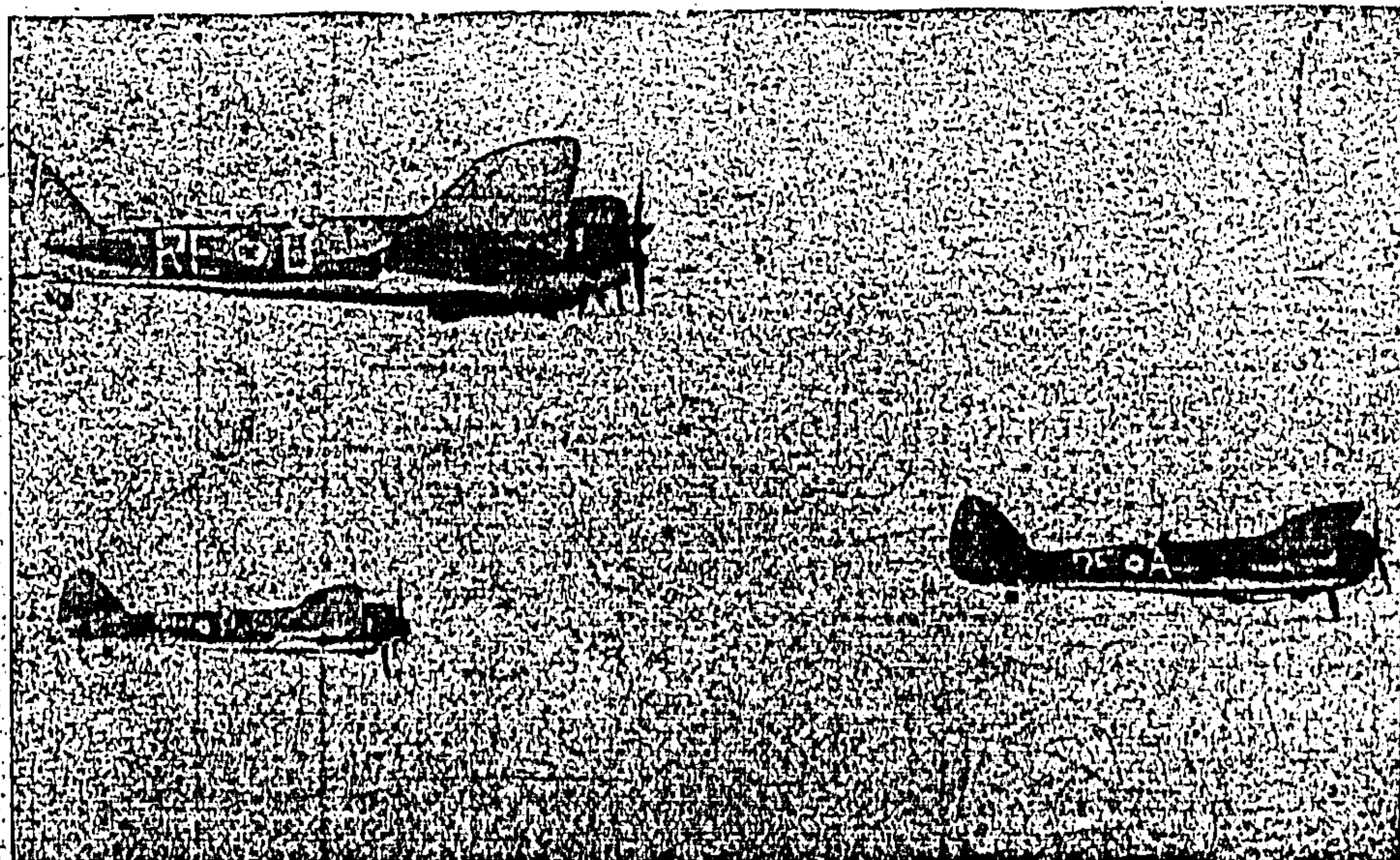
Never, if a man offers you friendship instead of love, consider yourself insulted. On the contrary, you should be very proud that he values so highly your intelligence and your sportsmanship.

If your creed of living is to be a complete one, it should include at least one platonic friendship with a member of the opposite sex. I know in my own case that my friendship with Pam has fulfilled a definite need in my life.

And now play the game which that wise old lady taught me!

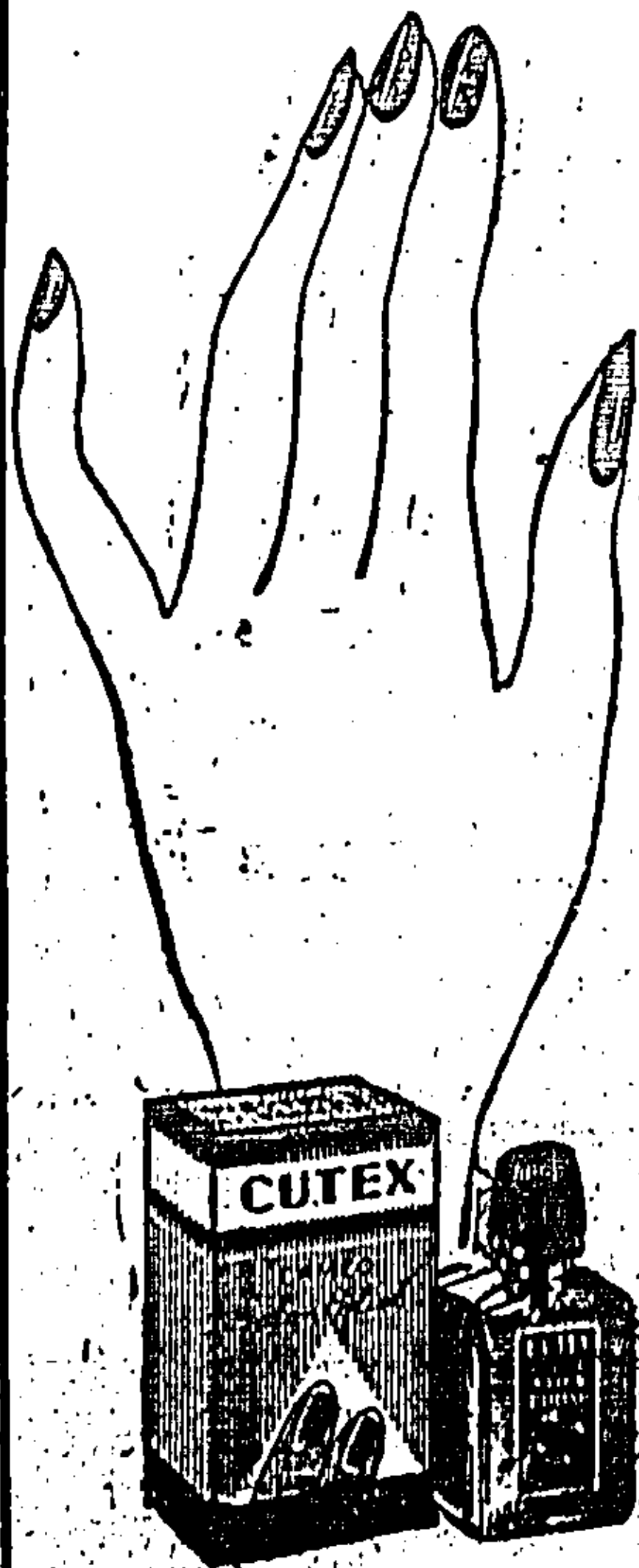


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## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

## Getting Out To Festivities

Two men I know constantly debate whether women dress to impress other women, or to allure men! One argues that wives certainly grow slack in their personal grooming after a couple of years of married life. Once she gets her man she loses interest!

The other argues that no woman would wear the current stylish hats if she was trying to attract the attention or admiration of men—for men think the hats are crazy! Therefore she must dress to impress other women.

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ference why women dress up, as long as they do, now and then. Some women I know vie with their female friends in wearing the most expensive, the most glamorous of clothes. Other women I know wear soft felt brimmed hats because they feel "men like those sports hats." So I think the feminine motive for wearing finery is evenly divided. The only fault I find is that the majority of women do not primp up often enough. A woman should not let one week pass without getting in her best bib and tucker, after a thorough body grooming, and going out to some minor or major festivity. Getting out in the company of other men and women inspires good grooming, and also serves to reward us for the time we spend keeping attractive. If a woman never goes out she has little incentive for keeping lovely looking—unless she gets a personal satisfaction from simply preserving good looks.

Give a woman a handsome new evening bag, or long white gloves or a new hat and she immediately begins to plan where she can go to show off her new possessions! That is if she is not too discouraged from the trials and tribulations of life. Then she needs a week's holiday instead of a new bonnet! Or she needs both!

Pretty clothes and other ornaments were meant to be enjoyed not only by those who wear them but by those who see them. That is why women adorn themselves—and men, too. We are beasts of habit and it would be too easy to rest and sleep and work in a

deadly routine, if the old social game was not being played. Our minds would grow dull, we would grow introverted and progression would cease. Social life is necessary to us. It was created by men for inspiration. Let's keep it going.

## Be Daringly Gay

I'd like to urge every woman to be daringly gay every once in a while, as a fillip to a nicked morale. By that I mean spend a little more money on nice clothes than you ordinarily would, more time getting yourself prettied at a salon or at home, and more hours having a good time. Instead of meeting a friend for luncheon in your old hat, buy a new hat and meet her for dinner in a place you always wanted to go and take in the best show in town! Or if that seems too tame in comparison to what you usually do for diversion, dress up in a startling new formal gown and attend the gayest ball being held in your set. Do something that stretches a point! Wear new make-up, a new nail polish. Dress your hair differently, have a facial! In other words, "go to town," as they like to say in Hollywood! Plan something that will inspire you to be a raving beauty and give you so good a time that you will have pleasing memories of it long afterward.

Gay, carefree, joyful hours are few in life and we should plan to capture more of them as long as we do not neglect our ordinary duties.

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"Do you gain merit by standing on your hands, Philip, or are you merely giving your feet a rest?"

"Bet you a good cigar you couldn't do it."

"The attitude would no doubt be a congenial one for a bat or a sloth, but to my eyes, Philip, it lacks elegance and, moreover, contributes nothing to human progress."

"If you must know, I'm celebrating a discovery which will alter the

whole course of my life—how to have a good party and feel jolly fit next morning."

"You're not by any chance referring to Rose's Lime Juice?"

"Why—have you heard about it too?"

"Heard about it? There isn't a man on this continent who doesn't know that Rose's is a remarkable therapeutic agent—with the exception possibly of one or two odd people who spend their lives standing on their hands."

# Are You Sitting Pretty?

In an excellent little book on posture written by Miss Janet Lane, girls who work in offices are cautioned about their sitting posture.

"Check up on yourself to see whether you are the kind of sitter who sits twice or the kind who never really sits at all! The former sits once when she first hits the chair seat, and again when she collapses at the waist and the bulge of her back thumps the chair back. The latter is the

to sit as you should—in the office or at home, to encourage good posture and a pretty figure.

"Choose a hard, straight chair that is the right height for your feet to rest comfortably on the floor. Sit on the chair. Slip your hands under you from each side until you feel two knob-like bones. Those are your sitting bones and you should balance squarely on them. Take your hands out from under you and wriggle around a little until you feel that you are resting firmly

it should not cave in from. But be careful not to push it out either. It should hang just over your hips. One way to check up on it is to put the middle finger of your right hand on the crest of your right hip, and the thumb on the lowest rib. Then do the same with your left finger and thumb on the left side. Your ribs should be hanging down so they could almost be tucked in your hips.

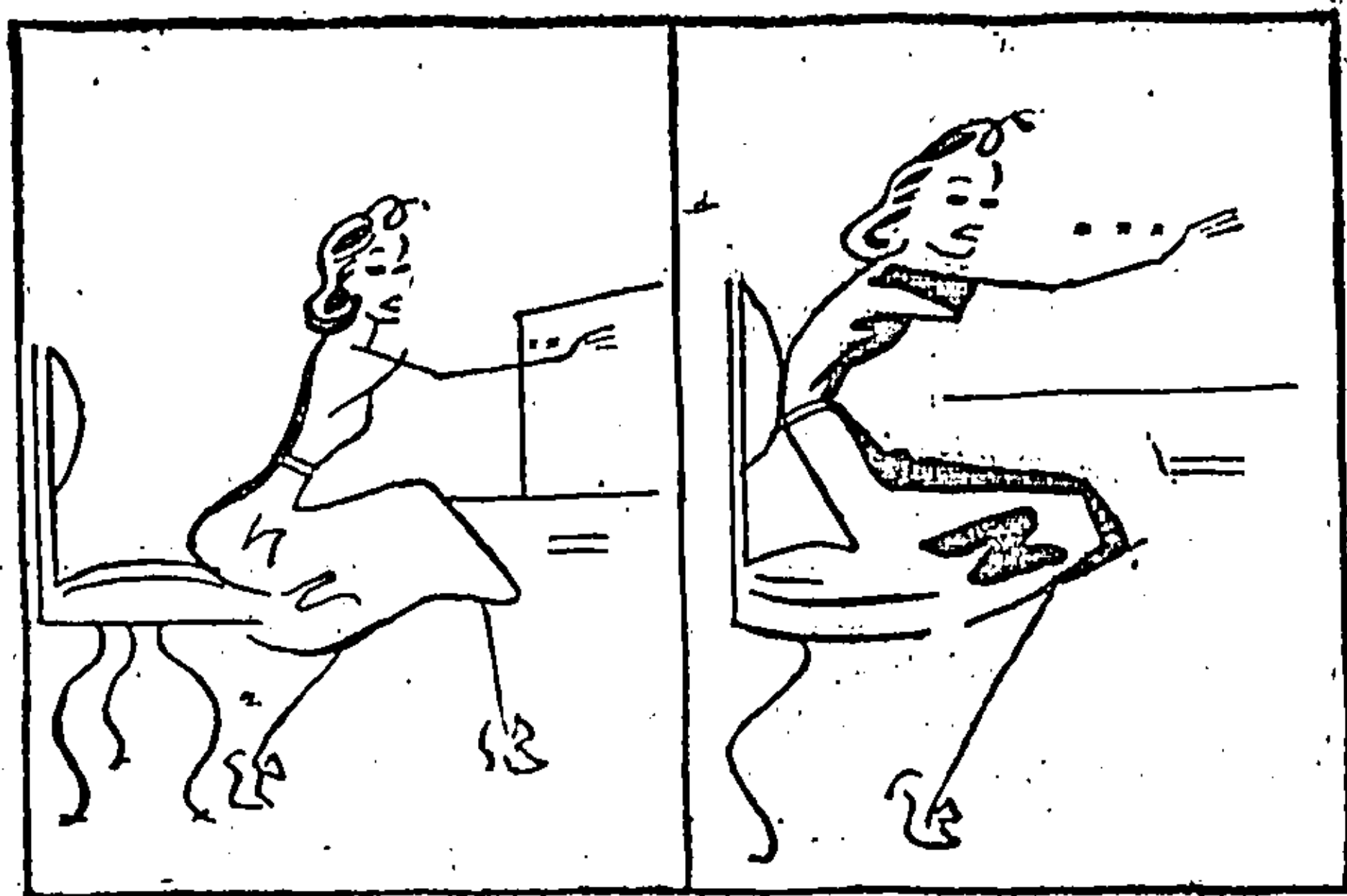
"Then look straight ahead of you and get your head centred over your hips and chest. If you can't tell where your head belongs, balance a fairly heavy book on it and try to push the book up toward the ceiling. That gets your chin in where it should be and straightens out your neck into a nice firm column. Once you have the feeling of that true head balance you'll carry your crown as if it were a royal lady.

"You may test yourself both for your seating base and for your upper balance by raising up each knee in turn a few inches from the chair. If you are right you can do this without shifting your weight from one sitting bone to the other and without letting any part of your body slip out of line."

## PREVENTS ACHES

This perfect sitting position is a good thing to practice for it will prevent those neck and back pains from which so many desk girls suffer. It also will prevent that old bug-a-boo, a dowager's hump from forming, and it helps to keep the tummy firm and flat.

"If you have trouble keeping this sitting balance," Miss Lane advises, "try taking a deep easy breath that works the muscles across the back of your hips, and see if that doesn't help."



How do you sit, my beauty?

tense, nervous person who perches on the ragged edge of nothing and holds herself up by the shoulders to take off at a minute's notice!" Which are you?

## CORRECT YOUR SITTING POSTURE

Miss Lane then tells you how

on those sitting bones. When you are, the back of your hips will be a straight line perpendicular to the chair seat. Remember to keep your buttocks under you as padding for your sitting bones.

"Now get your chest balanced over your hips. Remember that

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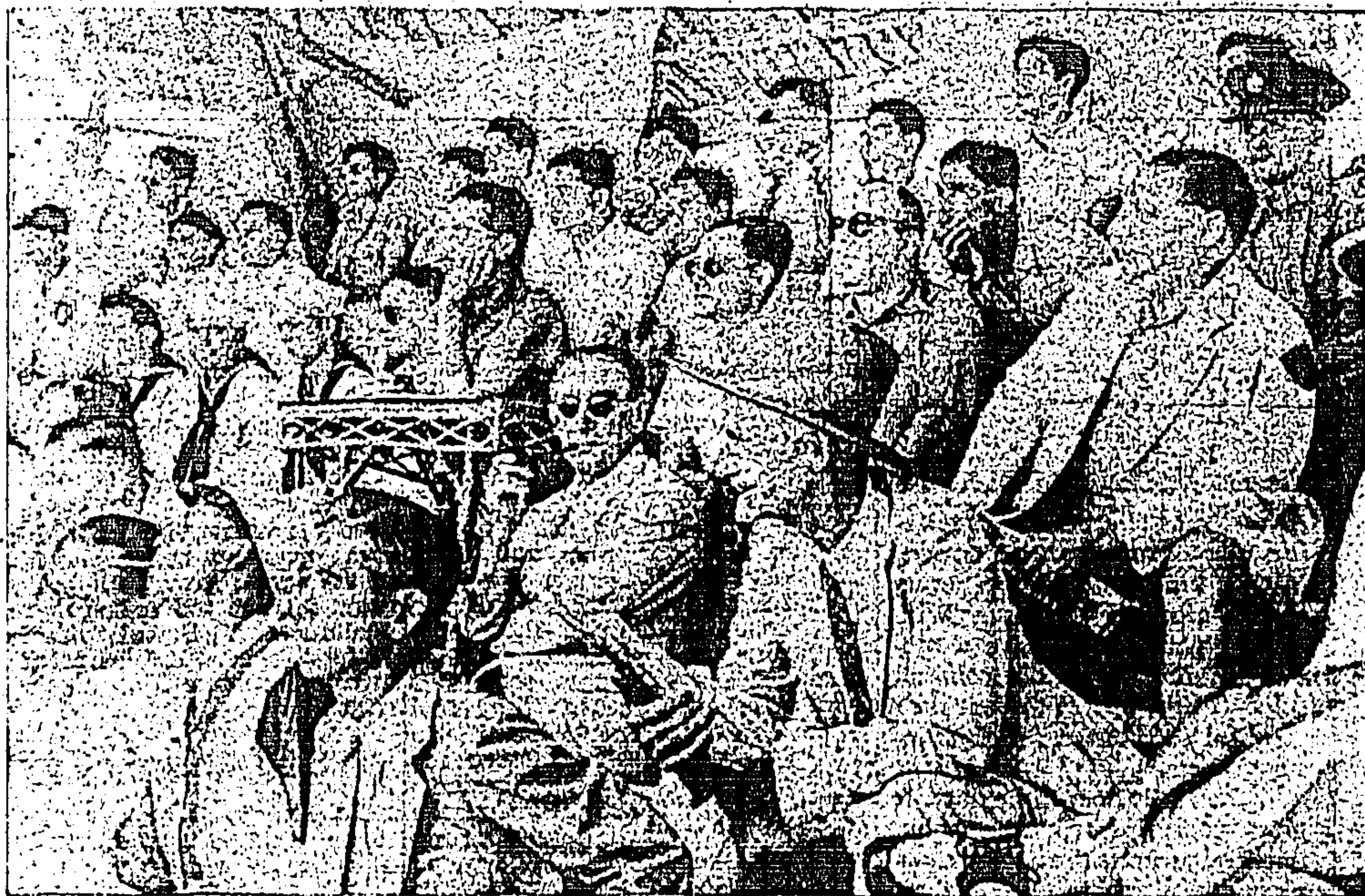
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One of the largest crowds of the season attended the needle 'ball' game between H.B. and the Mindanao for the league title on Saturday. After six scoreless innings, during which both sides were right on their toes, the game was called in the seventh.



Here are Captain McGlynn, of the U.S.S. Mindanao, and Mrs. McGlynn, at Saturday's ball game, which was called in the seventh with the score 0-0.



Another section of the crowd at the ball game.

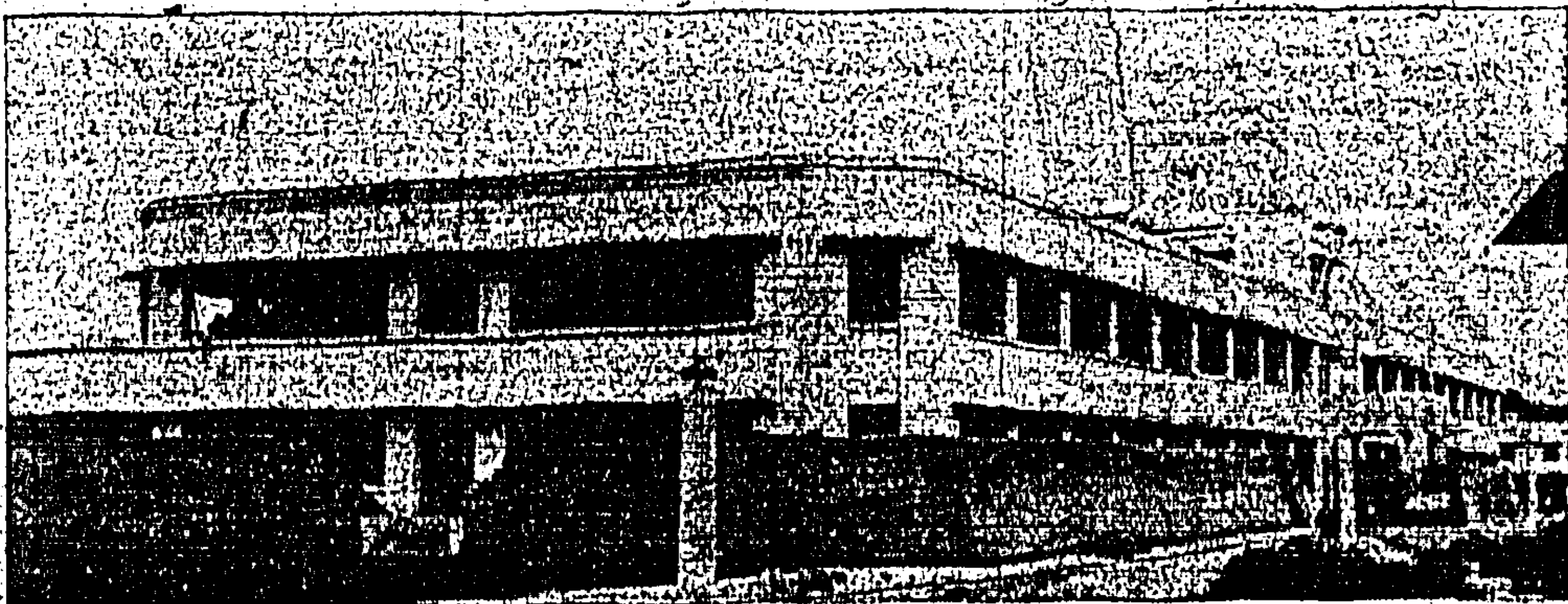


Photo shows the Central British School in war garb. The building has been encircled by sandbags. In the event of an emergency, the school would come into service as a hospital and an experimental try-out was completed successfully a week or two ago.